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Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Nov 20. 1864

W. H. Clark Esq
Kempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th inst and note contents. Please call on Mr Cook for adjustment of the rate that you claim is due you on Cotton delivered. I have written Mr Cook to examine into the matter and furnish you with the quantity you are entitled to.

Very Resp'y
Your ob't Sv't
E. G. Mills
Cotton Agent

Cotton Bureau D. M. T.
Houston Dec 1. 1864.

E. B. Baker Esq
Hempstead

Sir

Enclosed please find certified abstract and vouchers as follows.

Cert'f's issued dated Nov 29th favor of E. B. Baker for 4 Bales Cotton ... $324.00
" " " 29th " W. R. Buchel " 1 " " ... 81.00
" " " 29th " Benj. F. Hays " 4 " " ... 324.00
Certificates Nos 1 & 2 favor of E. B. Baker for 2 Bales Cotton ... 162.00
" " 126 " W. R. Buchel " 1 " " ... 81.00
" " 127 " B. F. Hays " 1 " " ... 81.00

Very Resp'y
Your ob't Serv't
E. G. Mills
Cotton Agent

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 30. 1864.

Major J. C. Thomas
Chf. Con. Ser. Th. Dist. Dept.

Major.

Mr. H. K. Brewin detailed to this Office by you on Sept 25th 64. is hereby reported back & Cyphers, as his services are no longer necessary.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Lt Col & Asst
Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 30, 1864

I hereby certify that this Office was visited on Nov 29th by Mr. H. K. Brewin & Co. on October 5th last. Mr. Brewin stated himself employed by you as "Inspector" of Cotton & that under such was to Lt. Col. Wells & Watkins for use of the Confederate States. He fully under of Duty as Inspr of Cotton, which they have broken in many instances in consequence of my inability to pay them any of Bales. 20 902 pounds Cotton which is entitled to clearance under the regulations thereof by virtue of powers entrusted between them & Mr. Brewin

C. G. Wells
Lt Col & Asst
Cotton Bureau

Major Stanley &c
Collector Port of Galveston.

Cotton Bureau A. F. W
Houston Decbr 1. 1864

Cunningham Esq agt
Port Sullivan

Yours letter of oct 28th enclosing certificate
from Saml Childers for 22 Bls has at last come
to hand, having been detained 30 days. Enclosed please
find certificate as asked oct 28th 1864 [illegible]
for 22 Bales of yarn. I have sent his exemption No 833 for
the 22 Bls weighing 7300 lbs to Maj Willie at San Antonio
for delivery to him, I apprehend from a letter from your
office that he is now at San Antonio waiting for
his exemption. In your certificate your time neglected
to first know the quantity of B&R to be charged Mr
Childers. I have been forced to assume the quantity fur-
nish him at 12 yds to egg and as the rule per bale which
is the quantity usually furnished from the quantity
of B & R you are supplied with. Please hereafter
always insert in your certificates the amt of B&R
you furnish, and endorse on it the fact, when the
party furnishes his own B&R and is entitled thereby
to double rate in dyeing. There is no mention in
your letter report of a purchase from Saml Childers.

Very Respy
Your Obt
C C Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

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Galveston Bureau D. T. &c
Galveston Dec 6 1864

Capt. A. H. Willis
Asst. Q. Master
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed please find certificate No 920 from Bank Ch
for re-location. The certificate of Mr. Cunningham
for Rebellion Bounty for the recovery & min of the
was only received here today, though the certificate
bears date November 20th
and the certificate of Mr. Cunningham

very respt
your obt Ser
G. G. Wil
Captain &

Asst Q. Master

Central Bureau, Dept Trans Mess.
Houston, Dec 1. 1864 —

[redacted] B. Lee ADQC
Beaumont

Sir — Please advise me what to do with as much possible the number of Bales Cotton received by your Steamer

Per Mr Ogden A. A. Q. Casey —
Capt R. H. Perry —

Casey claims 835 Bales — Perry claims 428 Bales — You requested to have Lumber from there full number & settled with them by your receipt — Please let me know what to say to them & they look to me to settle —

In shipping Cotton to our Depot please let me know in your order who the Cotton belongs to — naming it on the Bill Lading —

You are to receive Cotton from the Sabine Pass — also about 20 + Bales on Texas Galveston Island & Capt. Wood — Also numerous lots by wagon from Sabine Pass & Sabine County — Please from time to time as you ship it let me know what is on the Steamboats ahead —

I Should like this note you extra trouble, Respectfully, Your ob't Servt to Ship & Freight, and you will Confer a Favor Please on me by writing me —

Very respy
Your ob't Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Mississ
Houston, Dec 1. 1864

M. H. Laine Esq Co-
Ha Trough,

Sir-

I have your favor of 25th last Inst & contents -

You will recollect I told you not to let Mr C. Rush retain the certificate acct- but to have him sign it & return it to me - He owes me & held the due Bill as evidence of the outside amount indebtedness - I returned the due bill & you will please obtain the Certificate from him & return it to me -

The object of his holding the a/c is that I can assess a vendue for the $150 to specie payment - Please see to this & send it to me as early as possible -

Mr. K. cannot get Hopping & Rose as his Cotton was sold & out of Rebel Cotton -

I enclose Capt Strafford's Receipt for the 40 Bales & particulars of the new Requisitions - I have the people understand their operations respecting the Requisitions they will be glad to obtain under this Contract & take all the cotton -

Please let it be understood that the Govt opens to buy 2/3 of all the Cotton coming on Gov Contracts & Called for shipment - and that no Cotton over 4 years or Gave Stone point will be sent unless a Lady interests in the Cotton handed on Steam - Any Steam Vessel Except those Govt contract & Vessels will be confiscated together with its cargo -

The men & people seem to have gotten into

[illegible] error. They think that all they have to do is to offer for their transportation to the Coast, but they do not go further & their where the Govt is to get Wagons. If they will look at the Regulations as published they will see that no wagon can start under any circumstances until /a it load is on Yard a/c. As the Govt will have no Cotton but what i can find to use transportation for the result will be that the private Shipper will either have to sell /a of his Cotton to Govt there, or wait indefinitely. He can never budge until he does. If that any man has to gain by repudiating this Contract with the Govt he cannot succeed without trouble. Any train that take on full load on private acct of Cotton consigned with a permit, and the Cotton so procured does not have to give Bond to bring back /a No. reasonable man a minute to choose between the plans.

The Justice order is given on a Contract made months ago in consequence of Shifting Rivers & I am obliged to go the procedure on the last order to Bail N & B. I gave the Non Sale most against my judgement, & now it is the Govt & the Contractor the Justice order must be paid. Of course I think that last orders can be settled.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. E. Hall
Capt AQ

Cotton Bureau. Dept of Trans Miss
Houston Jan 30. 1864

Dear -

I find there is a disposition at Dept. Gen. to continue making drafts upon the Cotton Office as if its existence was to continue unimpaired and its resources were exhaustless - It will be as much as possible if its present debts can be paid within the limit assigned for its short lived existence, but how it can provide for new & increased liabilities I cannot imagine -

I believe that Major Haynes will call upon Genl Smith for 500 Bales Cotton to pay for Machinery with in case the £20.000 Stg should not be paid - The Cotton cannot be had, & so far as we are concerned there I protest against such an order being drawn upon us - If we are expected to avoid up at all there must be some certain limit to the creation of indebtedness - Please say as to Genl Smith if your should be called on to sanction the Order -

Our Texas people are unreliable - They are even now debating the policy of repudiating their Contracts with the Bureau and Taking their Chances under the new Regulations - If it were not for my intense feeling with regard to the payment of our debts I would be glad to see them settle in the end by their inefficiencies & speculative unpatriotisms - But I want them to comply with their Contracts & help us to pay the debts - I fear however that Judge Terry does not let them know publicly how he speaks & obtain the Gov. Sanction - So long as he does not

sure that he will get it at San Antonio
dead already Bale & Kingsland are
sure at this own prices they will progress
& believe that the new Regulations are
favorable to them & more advantageous
than those of the Bureau - It is evident
to any thinking man that no wagon can budge
from either place until fr its load is free
Gods but unfortunately the mass of the
people will not think & let demagogues
mislead them - Judge Gray can help
us if he will - and he should do it —
if he will say how he expects to get —
the Govt Cotton the people will be enlightened
as to what before - They ready believe
now that all they have to do is to offer their
transportation & if Govt has no Cotton to
load on it they can go on their way rejoicing.

I have been very much pleased and
instructed by your letter to Judge Gray sent
to Mr Bailey - I would not abate one
word of it - Some of the points you can
elaborate to advantage - It will do good
I guess where advice is wanted - Judge Gray
is a man of strict integrity - wholly impartial -
and wants to do right, but has had no
commercial experience & guide him through
the maze of a purely Commercial business.

I was glad to get your letter of 22nd inst -
I believe you will more satisfied with your
self & the world at large that your previous
letter - Have shown you to be, & provide the
charge principally to your relief from the cards
of Your Cotton - While congratulating you
upon it I can only say that your advice is just
what I do not believe we can get along without

Very truly yours

Boston Custom House Sept. 20th 1850
Treasury Circular 1850

To the Collectors
&c &c &c

Sir

Boston Bureau U. S. Ms 11

Boston Dec 2. 1864

Danl Eng
Petersburg

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult addressed to Mr Jackson. Enclosed I return your letter to him. I some time ago advised Mr Jackson that your details had been revoked, and supposed you were notified of the same. I understand to have you under arrest but was unexplicable.

Regulations regarding detectives are very stringent and orders are explicit that all fictious details must be from the Secretary

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Lieut & Asst

Boston Bureau U. S. Ms
Boston Dec 2. 1864

A. M. Johns Esq asst
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yr of the 1st inst. Enclosing certificate from Mr Browne, recruiting, and oath, contents noted. Mr Lee will be furnished with a pass when he goes to Richmond. Any remittances may have one hand forged, but it is uncertain when he will go. And if the fraction are in a hurry for odd money it would be better to obtain some other means of conveyance.

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & Asst

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston, Dec 2. 1864

Maj. R. H. Lewis
Waco.

Major I have your favors of 5th & 25th Inst & note contents — I am sorry you did not take up the Bagging Rope & your own papers — Please send the items of your claim & I will include it here with R.B.G. Hill & send your transfer papers for the property — Also the Receipts for the Cotton,

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Yrell
Capt & Q

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 2. 1864

Col. J. H. McKinney
Austin

Dear — I have your favor of 29th Ult & note contents — remain unanswered —

Of course you are aware that I have no means of conveying to you the drafts with, & that they can only be paid with Gold in case they are presented before I am placed in funds with necessary. In giving such drafts leave the receipt at foot of the voucher signed in Blank, so that the amt of Gold necessary can be inserted in case the Gray receipts are so made —

Very respy
C. G. Yrell
Capt & Q

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Gles
Houston, Dec 2. 1864

Perry August Esq
Asst Q.M. Dept
San Antonio,
Sir

I have your favor of 26th last & thank you for enclosures - I have enclosed the transfer papers for 8 B/C - 3440 lbs Plainfield Cotton.

With respect to the 451 B/C rec'd by Capt Lucchesi the circumstances are these - The parties who held Capt Lucchesi receipts presented them here for settlement, and as there was no evidence that any of them had ever issued this certified account for the property I did so, & in most of the cases paid for it - I do not see now how it can be changed as my certified account are already out. As they Lucchesi has issued none, the shortage, in fact the only plan will be to receipt for the Cotton - This confounded business is dodged with difficulties on every side - I fear none of us will ever get rid of it to our satisfaction - I am sure we never will to the satisfaction of the people generally, & the more we try to accommodate them the more tangled it becomes —

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt CQ

Cotton Bureau D. St.
Tuscaloosa Dec 2 1864

Wm Johnston Esq
Montgomery

Sir

I have in receipt of yrs of the 29th ult and make contract in accordance with your instructions of 28th ult. I sent a power of attorney to the Treasurer Manufacturers Bureau and have to request that you will there and obtain it

Very Resp
yr obt st
C. G. Wells
Special Agt

Cotton Bureau D. S. Dept
Tuscaloosa Dec 2 1864

Richard Roland Esq
Demopolis

Sir

I have in receipt of yours of the 29th ult and make contract. I am not in funds with mine time, and cannot say definately when I will be, but I am for my self & neighbors ready to ship cotton and make sale as to the amount to be sent, the agent will expect to see the marks of equal to the value

Very Resp
yr obt st
C. G. Wells
Special Agt

Cotton Bureau D. T. W
Hamilton Dec 6. 1864

Bro of Cowdy
Landaw

Bro

I am in receipt of yrs of the 30th ult. Enclosed please find an Affidavit and Note of Jno. N. Chadwick for $2.50 and charge him 20 cts for five bales cotton

You certificate failed to state whether or not you furnished Mr Chadwick with Bill and I being left out I presume he furnish his own Wrapts and hence should not be charged with the 25 cts for double rates on five bales cotton. If this is wrong you will please return the check for correction. Hereafter be careful to always state on your certificate the quantity of Cotton furnished, and when the cotton delivered is baled, write the fact distinctly on the face of the certificate. This is written to prevent more loss

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
La G. Wells
Captn A.Q.M

Boston Bureau S. Post
Boston Dec 2. 1864

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E. Flint Esq
Salem Mass

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find certificate of insurance for
freight shipped Nov 30th and specification No 5 for 9 bales cotton

Very Respy
Yr obdt
H. G. Wells
Supt Boston Office

Boston Bureau Dept Treasury
Boston Dec 2. 1864

E. E. Flint Esq
Salem Mass

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find certificate of insurance for
Nov 30. 1864 for $ 12662 and specification No 807 for Ten
bales cotton

Very respy
Yours &c
H. G. Wells
Supt Boston Office

Habton Bureau Dept Freedmen
Hamilton Dec 2. 1864 16

Lt Col Wm Ely
Asst Adjt Gen

Sir

I enclose please find certificate of pay roll for Dec 1864 for $ 1262.62 and stamp thereon $0.50 for your information

Very Respy
Your Obdt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt 1st Regt

Habton Bureau Dept Freedmen
Hamilton Dec 2. 1864

Lt Col Wm Ely
Asst Adjt Gen

Sir

I enclose please find certificate of pay roll for Dec 1864 for $ 1262.62 and stamp thereon $0.50 for Your information

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt 1st Regt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 2. 1864

L. D. Haring Esq Agt
Prairie Plains, Grimes Co.

Sir- I have your favor of 30th ult- & as requested have forwarded to Mr. Vedder for you $190 in Specie in payment of the freight a/c #o. 22, which I now enclose - Please returne the same to me, signed in duplicate.

You will recollect that you took 2 B/Cotton in settlement of your account against the old Texas Cotton Office - There were never any papers taken for the payments, & I do not recollect whether you got an exemption to cover the two Bales or not - If you did you can returne the enclosed exemption to me - If not keep it & use it - I enclose Exemption #o. 220 - 2 B/C. #o. 44 - Sales 2 B/C $104.02
#o. 22 - Services as Depot Agent $105.30 -
Please sign the two latter & returne them to me with the one for $190.00

You will notice that I have not made any settlement for the Balance of $30 - due to you by the old Cotton Office - In your next Account you can put in the amount (which was for three months extra Storage,) & I will settle it.

You can receive all the Baled Cotton you can get in before January 15th - My letter of instructions was intended to prevent any new & extended business, but it is an object to get in all the Cotton you can within the time specified -

Very respy
Yr. obt. svt
C. E. Hall

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mis 18
Houston Dec 2. 1864

R. S. Davis Esq
San Antonio.

Sir.

As requested by Mr. C. C. Hearne, I now enclose to you Exemption #. 287 - your favor. 28 B/ Cotton #840 etc - also Jared Steeles' Bill Lading for your own 28 Bales - The Certificate each. I have sent to Mr Hearne -

His letter is dated Octo. 29th & has been more than a month reaching me, & I fear the delay has caused you serious annoyance, but the fault lies with the mail entirely.

Very respy
Yr. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau. Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Dec 2. 1864

C. C. Hearne Esq
Wheelock.

Sir, I am only to day in receipt of yours fav. of Octo 29th containing Bill Lading of 28 B/C for a/c of R. S. Davis & 28 B/C for a/c of Govt. shipped to San Antonio - As your letter has been so long on the way I hardly think it is worth while to send Mr Davis' Exemption there, but as you desire it I do so by this mail - I enclose herewith Certificate each R. S. Davis 28 B/C - & 2960 lbs new issue -

Very respy
Yr Obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mess
Houston Dec 6. 1864

Maj Hobstow Eng Dpt
Alleytown.

Sir.

I have your favor of 30th ult with enclosures
Noted contents - I now enclose Cert accts &
Requisitions

C. W. Faith	4	B/C (not 50)	$1.864.88
W. G. Foote	22	,	796.04

I do not send you the Kenedy, Stillman & King Requisition as you have made a misstatement of the Sale of Cotton, as you will notice by the memo. enclosed - The Fait lot is only 4 Bales as per Certificate No. 66, & not 50 Bales as you state it - Please return to me. & I will & return it to me -

I trust the expedition & Energies will prove a success - Delays attendant upon the Cotton under the circumstances amounted almost to a theft -

I have no more funds to spare - Any Proceeds for freights by sales of Cotton - I expect more money. However I will supply you when it comes -

Capt Simpkins cannot tell you any more than I did about the indictments against yourself & Baldwin - They are all of the same character - Only three were taken - I suppose they would arrest you a second time if they failed to convict on the first - You must continue the case - I have not heard from Simmesport but have no doubt I will be authorized to retain Mr. Wade -

Yours respy
W. G. Wall
Capt

Baton Rouge Sept 5th 1864

Hamilton Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a receipt for the amount due and a statement of the amount due for ginning the cotton for the present year. I have also enclosed a statement of the amount due for ginning the cotton for the present year. I have also enclosed a statement of the amount due for ginning the cotton for the present year.

Ginning 5c.
Screening 5c.
Packing 10.
Marking 10.
Receiving & Issuing 25.
Drayage 100 — Buy 90c. per bale.

Cotton in cotton is receivable prior with privilege of paying fee from impressment.

An agent can however charge for such of these services as he has actually performed, and can make no charge for labor not done. In your case I apprehend you can make no charge for storage or drayage, as that labor and expense has not been incurred by you at least on that 1000 bales of cotton.

Make out your account from the books on all cotton actually received. and when what you have in your hands sufficient to cover your bill send receipts, clerk and pass which you have accompanied with your account, and I will send you an order for the cotton and also an affidavit for the same.

Enclosed I return for cancellation B & R receipt of J. S. Smith. Take out a new receipt and have Mr. Smith sign and return it, stating merely in the body of the receipt the quantity of B & R furnished him and the person from whom he obtained it. In the

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Demopolis, Dec 3. 1864

Major J. Lucius Ayer
Navasota

Capt -

In the absence of Capt. B. R. Lewis I send you below a copy of Telegram from Lt. Col Thackwood - I have no control over the stores passing through the Office of Agt they are forwarded to you, but suppose that you would counsel by this opportunity to keep * Directions.

You may learn of the arrival of the wagons by application to Mr J. S. Redden on Navasota -

Very respectfully

Your obt. Svt.

C. G. Wells
Cap. Trans
Agt. Cty.

Capt -

By telegraph from Demopolis Dec 3. 1864 to Major C. G. Wells

You sending some transportation to Navasota with Cotton for Government Military Stores destined for this point can be returned by the Train - Have everything in readiness at Navasota

(Sgd) H. A. Thackwood
Lt. Col.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Offs
Nashville Dec 6. 1864

Capt. H. H. Wood,

You will proceed without delay to Gabriestown to make arrangements for the removal to Trenton of the Co - of 244 Bales Cotton belonging to T. J. Willis & Bro -

You are authorized to contract with a responsible person - for its removal by Rail Road - The party undertaking the job must receive the Cotton where it lies - make such repairs as are necessary to put it in order for removal - transport it to the River - & deliver it at Trenton in good order -

You will give such Instructions & Rules which may appear necessary by your report -

You will proceed also to Gibson & procure the order given the Cotton to Gen. Sherman, or as near as you can -

Report upon the prospects as early as possible - State condition of the Cotton & probable cost of removal -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. W. Wells
Cotton Agt
Dept

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Memphis Dec 8. 1862

Capt H. B. Lee A.D.C.
& Commissary,

Capt

Please furnish Capt H. H. Hood with transportation to Jacksonville & Abilene on business of this Office —

Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. B. Wells
Cotton Agent
Trans. Dept.

Capt Lee —

I respectfully make a request about which it is impossible for me to comply with, but I feel you will do what you can even if you can supply only a part — It is very important that Capt Hood should be at his post, and I am reluctantly troubled as I proceed but I hope you for doing so

Very truly
G. B. Wells
Capt

Capt H. H. Hood

Western Bureau Asst Engrs Office
Nashville Dec 3. 1864

Genl

I have the honor to renew my application for detail of Lt. S. H. Cabaniss Co. C Corps' Asst Artillery - now on sick leave -

Lt. Cabaniss is an invaluable clerk. He is now on duty with me & I desire to retain his services as he cannot be replaced - He is liable at any time to be recalled to his Command unless you will allow this retention - It is impossible to procure men from the Reserve Corps to do the work required of the clerks in this Office - I have tried to do so & have met with utter failure - The qualifications for a clerk in this Bureau are not possessed by many and are not easily acquired - a thorough acquaintance with the Western business affairs necessary & make the man at all useful -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.
Asst Engr.

To
Genl E. Stanly Asst
Adjt Genl Dept of N.C.
Newbern -

In Lt. Cabaniss 5th Ind. Broadwell
Asst Western Bureau
Nashville Tenn.

Houston Dec 3. 1864

Col.

Please oblige me by issuing the enclosed detail ordered & commanded to me - I have not the courage to send it direct to Maj Genl Gns. as it would receive no attention & the man is too indispensible to me in keeping up my work and papers to consent to my running the risk of having it not disapproved - Capt Black suggests that you can procure the detail for me - I have had the man since Sept, but mistook a detail as he was there on sick leave -

I have been doing more of Genl Magruder your Gen Superintending my ordenances Business for the Post, you Mr Dale - & Mr Dale is now satisfied with what you have done & feels that there was no want of sincerity as his letter seemed to indicate. He is still, however, much in arrears of the monies from the mortgaged Counties will produce, & will want to make other arrangements with supply of the precincts Rio Grande - So soon as I can I will make the discovery good - Sometimes I am not very sanguine as to when the people will come up to their contracts, & can see will have to leave a deficiency - If Judge Gray could tell the people how he expected to get Cotton he might help us -

I have written to Generals to Capt Pickett, the Adjt Genl, to have Stores ready for your transportation -

Your letter of Nov 26th just rec'd has been anticipated, & you will see by my letters on the way -

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. Kirby Smith

Col Broadwell

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 5. 1864

R. H. Dennis Esq Capt
Cold Spring

Dear —

Referring to F. F. Harrell Esq
Bagging & Rope enough to cover two
Bales Cotton sold to Gov L. He
Cotton he is to deliver is to clear
Weighing — Please give the usual
Certificate & have deducting the Bagging
& Ties —

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Hill
Capt A.C.

Refugees Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Shreveport Dec 4. 1865

Lt Col Colonel and Asst
Liberty

Sir

I have your favor of 29th ult and enclosures.

If you can get Bethel's teams to haul the 20 Bales into Liberty please do so — If not write to McDaniel to make the delivery & Col Robinson on this order, & advise me & I will notify Col R to send escort for it — Having gone to Woodville, Texas on the 15th inst. I was unable to attend to this matter sooner, but will the earliest delivery is certain to be made

Very respy
Yr Obt Servt
C. C. Hyde
Capt & AQ

P.S.

Col Robinson is here now — He says you can have the 20 Bales delivered to Mr. Hyde who will receipt for it upon which receipt you can obtain this certificate —

Boulder Bureau of Reclamation
Hamilton Dam Mont. 1964

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[redacted]

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. [redacted] Hamilton
regarding the action you stated he had informed of your
at Fall Creek on the Ranch.

Maj R. says he has received
no word or information the action, but upon the return of
your agent Mr. Hall has checked & reported to me the action
the referred affidavits of Carl L. Hall & Mrs. Pearl A. Hall
at Stevensville. That the action is in compliance with and
he would have a recommend that for the change should to take
place in the status of the Bureau.

If you wish to discuss
of the action on the part of Mr. Hall & Mrs. Hall
now under for one half. By request no stock will be run
all permits granted by this office on or before the 1st of February
are good until [illegible] All cattle that is not covered by
that date with a permit in effect, is liable to impoundment
and when impounded it must be under the act regulations.

Very truly yours
[redacted]
U. S. Bureau
Reclamation

Boston Bureau Travelers Insurance Co
Hartford Dec 5 1864

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Wm S Wells Esq
Wheeling

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2d inst with enclosed application and note endorsed

Enclosed please find draft for the amount of your favor dated the 29th for $506.28 and compliance with your request.

You will observe I have made no charge for the policy furnished you which will equalize the charge for baggage under your last policy

Boston Bureau 32 1/2 State St
Hartford Dec 5 1864

Wm S Wells Esq
Wheeling

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2d inst enclosed please find draft for the amount of

Cotton Bureau Dept. State
Galveston Dec 5. 1864

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Lt. Col. White Asst Adjt Genl
Shreveport

Sir

I have the receipt of yours of the 2nd inst with enclosures and have credited Endorsed Bill exhibited ofs dated Dec 2nd 1864 from J. L. Smith for $154.- and exemplars No 1245 for three hallocotton &c also a bunch cancelled exhibit ofs from John Seaman. The former from Sam Middleton cotton delivered at Navasota in 1863 and not 1864 as you state.

Please always be careful to state name in your certificate of receipts the quantity of baggings and rope your letters of part. and when they are delivered at Houston O. R. and are consequently entitled to be allowed credit, endorse the fact on the face of your certificate. This information is essential to us to prevent error.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau D. S. Treas
Galveston Dec 5. 1864

Lt. Col. Russell Asst
Shreveport

Sir

I have the receipt of yours of the 2d inst and the exhibit Endorsed Bill as requested & have credited the same. In regard to the form there is no objection to your using it. You can superscribe your communications to either of us using either

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Rec'd 32
Galveston Dec 5. 1864

C. H. Peacham Esq
Shreveville

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 1st inst with enclosed agents
schedule, and enclosed please find certified acct in your
favor for cotton sold & forwarded and remittance no 847 for 12
bales cotton -

very Respy
yr obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau D. T. M.
Houston Dec 5 1864

Messrs Miller & Baker
Belton - Bell Co.

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find certified account in your favor for $ 3295.20. and remittance no 846 for $ for 8 bales cotton

very Respy
yr obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Coast Survey Office, Light House Board
Hancock Dec 6. 1864

Genl.

I had the honor some weeks since to call your attention to the payment made to Lt. Genl Smith, based upon the order or request of Genl Hagruder, but principally upon your note directing me to pay the account - but have not yet heard from you in reply -

I would prefer you to take this account and your papers - for this reason I left the name of disbursing Officer blank in the receipt. If you cannot take it up will you give me such a document as will hold me blameless in the payment? Your note directing the payment to be made is not signed Officially - if it was I could take it on my papers without any fear of its rejection as a voucher - But it is it is very likely to come back upon me.

Please write me especially what you can do about this voucher, and if you feel able to relieve me of it do so.

Very respectfully
Your ob. ser.
Wm. H. Wells
Lieut U.S.

Lt. Col. H. A. Scandrett
Asst Comptroller and Aud.
Treasury Dept.

Confidential

Cotton Bureau. Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 4. 1864

Capt C Schaepkine
La Grange

Capt

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favors of 1st inst - I also have the accompanying letter of Lieut Simmesport

My opinion is that the Bureau cannot make any improvement of Cotton unless the Officers who acts assumes or incurs personal liability by his acts - Our contracts have been practically ignored by Congress and it is now a matter of choice with the people whether they will comply with them - It is now beyond my purpose to induce them to believe that it is to their interest to comply - I go Gray to help me has given them until Jan 1st 65 to procure their Permits - I do not think the contracts can be enforced if the people object to it, and I believe an attempt to improve would only end in serious trouble - To make an improvement of Cotton valid now Gen Smith must issue a special order based upon a request from Maj Gray - The latter having now his operations no improvement has been made or can now until the Closing the existence of the Bureau -

I enclose a circular which will probably explain your receipts - Very respy your obt Servt

C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Ocean Neb
Houston Dec 5. 1864.

Sir.

In consequence of late instructions from Dept Ho
Quarters I deem to modify my late circular letter
You will purchase all the Baled Cotton that you can
acquire on the usual terms - and are authorized to
contract for as much unbaled cotton as you
have means to elect you can have delivered before
any 20 Feb.

You must not give any
one the opportunity to complain of want of attention
on the part of this office or its Agents, - consequently
those who may make contracts be prepared to deliver
their Cotton in time to obtain the permit - otherwise
they will forfeit it -

It is presumed that you will discharge the receipts
of Cotton as much as possible within the time
allowed the Bureau to close its business - Hence
if the Cotton cannot be delivered within the
time specified, I will upon your certificate issued
to you before May 20 Feb obtain for you the permit
without cause to you to be held until the delivery is
completed -

You should only issue such certificates to
persons who you know will complete their contracts -
The certificate must state on its face why it is issued
& where the Cotton will be delivered -

The engineering Officers will attach upon all cases
where parties who have made contracts refuse to comply with
them - Report all such to your District Superintending
ing officer at once -

Very resp

(Copy)

Sanfrico. November 12th 1864

Received from Jno. Craig's Supercargo of Schooner Lilly sixty eight packages Castor marked C&H for shipment to England - the account sales and nett proceeds of said Castor to be sent to C. S. Wilcox Esqr Havana -

(Sgd) J. Katienzo -

Shipped & Geo. D. Hentona & Co.
Liverpool

The Castor being carried each one and marked as per - The original number of Packages was 67 - marked [illegible] C -

Note of Receiving to the credit of the Master at Havana -
and to shipped to Havana Liverpool -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hamilton Dec 5. 1864

Col. C. S. Helm
C. S. Consul &c. Havana.

Sir -

I have just received a memorandum receipt for the cargo of Schr "Kitty" a copy of which I now enclose - The Eagle reports that she could not reship to Havana, nor could he therefore advise you what course he had taken with the Cotton, but that the Consignee at Tampico, Mr Hatenzo, promised to advise you upon receipt of bills of lading by first opportunity - I trust they have already reached you and will prove available -

Cotton was there worth only 30 ? at Tampico, A sale would have been a sacrifice which he did not feel warranted to make under his instructions -

As shipment to Liverpool was not completed at the time the vessel left there the Cotton has gone to the Consignees of Hatenzo instead of to the Final Expectancies - I trust you will receive early Spring returns -

Very respy
Your ob't serv't
C. H. Wilson
Cot's Agent

Hawkow, Dec 6. 1864

Dear Col.

On other leaf of this you will see a letter of Agent Cummingham's. Please read it for the truth there is in it as a Comedy &c.

It is too late for improvements now, but a little could have been done in Dist No 2 two months ago & would have been beneficial.

Agent Stone made me that order #34 was a mere 'Donation gratuity'

I write to Bustamente & Edmunds of San Antonio (not knowing their address) to furnish Baggot Ryke & they will be paid for it — Also that they must take the Contract as the Govt gives it — They must be very stupid not to know that it is their only reliance for payment — Please write Edmunds & Capen this even & the fact that this acquiescence will not be construed to our advantage as this annuity except that we will get rid of a debt — If you leave it unpaid the Govt only knows what he will get.

I see that Capt Blake has charge of the P. S. Office — I trust he may make it a success & acquire the credit any man deserves for taking upon himself such a responsibility.

You have never replied to my questions or letters it would be a good thing to get into Coal Slaughter & I could get there —

Yours truly

C. E. Grell

Lieut Col. R. S. Donaldson

Central Bonne Agt Line Office
Houston, Dec 6 1867

Messrs Edmunds & Rountree -
San Antonio -

Gents

Mr. J. H. Cannon has written me on two points which especially interests you with regard to the Cotton in this district - the one is

1st. That you do not [illegible] the Planters Half of Bagging & Rope -

2nd - That you refuse to take ordinary Cotton at all

In regard to the 1st point I suppose you are aware that our Contract with the Planters is to supply them with Bagg & Rope for his own as well as the Gov't half of the Cotton - I believe you have agreed to sell to the Gov't what Bagg & Rope might be required in the Locality - If not, and you are not willing to do so, it may make considerable difference in your payment - The point is too remote for me to send B & Rope to and I have relied upon you to send it - As we have only until Dec 31st to get our Cotton in Hand you have not much time to think about the subject -

In regard to the quality of the Cotton you should take it as it comes - Ordinary Cotton is merchantable & you have no right to reject it - It may be possible that by rejecting Ordinary grade there will not be enough Cotton to pay you, & the debt, after the Bureau is closed may be even more difficult of Collection than Certificates usually are - Very respy

C. G. Whi[illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 5. 1864

C. W. Cunningham Esq Agt
Port Lavaca.

Sir

I received your favor of 28th from which I am concluded to act - Sales 2d R/C - $1432 80 - also Exemption No 226 - 2 R/C - 6529 lbs - Please send me a Bill of sale where your name is married in general & return it to me.

Your letter has so much strong good sense in it that I have sent a copy to Col Broadwell at Shreveport - I have also written to Commissioners & Quartermasters & think they will assist you in getting your Bagging & Rope & take Ordinary Cotton too - I do not see how they will be paid otherwise, & it is very clear stipulated in them to act as they have done. They have no chance to be paid except in your district & if they fail to do so & from their experience in the collection of the unpaid balances will equal Mr. Robbins' trouble with unpaid accounts - However this does not relieve you immediately - I wish I was able to do so - If you receive the pamphlet of Depts from San Antonio setting forth the regulations of the Bureau you will notice that you are in Dist No. 4 (Maj Davis) & in Harris Dist (Capt Broadwell) this letter was to enable you Bag & Rope & the Farmers on your requirements - I did not feel that you can profitably employ my orders any longer, but I send you this letter for to give me pleasure to say that you have been faithful energetic & thoroughly & better result than many officers -

trust the acquaintance thus begun will ripen into a better knowledge of each other when the war is over, & I will be happy to claim it -

I have supplied my district with $40.000 lbs Rope & 200.000 yds Bagging, having purchased all that could be found anywhere - But for your remembrance I would have retained some also. But I thought you wanted certainly the supplies for Sea Vessels -

I have no comments to make upon the failure to ripen - As your say if one example had been made the result would have been different - Families Orleans can have no attaching to ripen & I do not see how the idea of their authority originated in Mr Davis' mind - I will say in this connection that it is probably fortunate for your peace of mind that no ripen-pressment ever is made in your Country - some of our Agents have been indicted under the ripamous law of the late Legislature (May 61) and will be subjected to a series of annoyances in consequence -

Your planters who have chosen to testify themselves by repudiating their contracts with the Govt, will gain nothing by it - The result will be that we will get the Cotton at San Antonio or Galveston - but will pay them the freight for taking it there - Hereafter new regulations the Govt will get it there without payment of freight -

You will receive a pamphlet by mail in a few days which will show you what the Bureau has done with the Cotton - Whenever there arises any one who does not believe in us you can show it to him - Let our friends know what has been done, & further satisfaction.

Respectfully
Ca G. Wells
Cash't Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 6. 1864

E. H. Cross Esq Agt
Cold Spring

Sir.

I have your favor of 28th & have made contents-
I have changed the Art. of Mr Barnett as you
suggest.

I send you, to Work Directly
400 yds 22 - 9 Coils Rope (Manilla)
" 26 10 " Cotton Rope - 3 Bales Bagging -
& to day send you another supply for Mr. W. S.
Wagons wagons - You will please supply
them with the Bagging & Rope he requires - He
is entitled to some for his own Half - I have
told him to agree with you as to the quantity he
shall have.

If you will do so supply
other parties with Bagg & Rope for their own Half entirely
provided they will deliver to Govt an equal quantity
of Cotton in Bands & Hoops. I can have such
Cotton measured here without difficulty - Such a
plan will probably increase our receipts - As we
have only until 1st Feby to work in we must try
& get in all the Cotton we can during that period -

Very respy
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Collector Internal Revenue
Tarboro N.C. 1864

Sir

In consequence of late instructions from Dept. No 2d. I deem it necessary to modify my late circular letter.

You will purchase all the baled cotton you can acquire on the usual terms, and are authorized to contract for as much unbaled cotton as you have reason to believe you can have delivered before January 20. 1865.

You must not give any reason the appearance to complain of want of faith on the part of this office or its agents, consequently they must if they make contracts be prepared to deliver their cotton in time to obtain the permit otherwise they will forfeit it.

It is of course desirable to procure the receipts of cotton as much as possible within the time allowed the Bureau to close its business. Where it cannot be delivered actually within the time specified I will give you certificate mailed to me before January 20, 1865 obtain Major Wallis permit and send the same to you. The bale will then be delivered.

You should only give such certificates to parties who you know well fulfill their contracts, and the certificate must state on its face why it is given and when the cotton will be delivered.

Very Resp
Yr Obt Svt

Capt & A.D.C.
A.A.G. Chief

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 6. 1864

Hon. E Bustamente
Off. of Queens & Azadvocate,
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 2nd inst made out to the E.B. Edmunds is no longer agent for your firm.

I desire to call your attention to two points named by Mr. G.H. Cunningham the Agt for Robertson & Milam Counties. He says that you do not furnish the Planters with Bagging & Rope for their half of Cotton. Also that you refuse to take Ordinary Cotton at all.

I suppose you are aware that our contract with the Planter is to supply him with Bagg & Rope for his own as well as the Govt half of the Cotton. I believe you have agreed to sell to the Govt what Bagg & Rope might be required in that capacity. If not you are not willing to do so, it may make considerable difference in your payment. The point is this remarks for me to send B Rope to. I have no idea upon you to send it. We do not care any thing about Bagg & get our Cotton in have you have not much time to think about the subject. My desire is that you shall be fully paid, but it will require your own efforts as well as mine.

In regard to the quality of the Cotton. You should take it as it comes. Ordinary Cotton is merchantable & you have no right to reject it. It may be possible that by rejecting the Ordinary grade there will not be enough Cotton to pay you. After date of now the Bureau is closed, may in case more difficulty in collecting their A.C. said accounts presented you are.

Very respectfully
Your obt
J.G. Gilbert
Agt C

General Bureau R.F. Trans Miss
Denison Dec 6. 1864

Col. B. Wilkerson
Cmdg Troops
Corpus-

I have your note of 1st from Indianola
concerning—

There is an abundance of Forage in this vicinity
& our communications open and there are
some good reasons why you should have an
exemption from your present duties - still
the policy of the Office is against it - The exemption
has once or twice been issued expressly, but
it has been the constant practice since the
first year of the war to make the
exemptions & no protection against conscription
that I can give you - But as you are
an Officer of the Army & your pay is fixed, no
matter what duty you may be performing, it
would be giving you additional pay which others
Officers do not get, upon which they could
found serious complaints - I will
not, however, say no to your request until I
can hear from Col Broadwell upon the
subject - I write him today - & will let
you know his decision as early as possible,

Very respy
Your obt svt
Chas. G. Greene
Capt A.C.

Capt Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Vicksburg Dec 6. 1864

Genl

I have just been notified by Bustamente that E.B. Edmunds is no longer an Agent of Maya Mamaroneck - If this is authentic - that is done away Bustamente's position entirely. Nine to say so.

Capt. Shropshire writes me very earnestly for an exemption for 5 Rail Cars belonging to Kinsley - I have no doubt he needs it - so do all Officers who are depending upon their pay - I have written him that although it was against the policy of the Office to grant it, still that I would act upon your decision, as soon as I could obtain it from you - Please do so shortly, & shall be done or not —

It is true that the exemption rules me from nothing now, & as things stand no material injury would be done to the Govt by giving it to him — But as an Officer of the Govt his pay is fixed, no matter what his employment may be - If it is granted it will enable other Officers a right to complain - probably a right to demand that they also shall have additional pay in the form of a permit - If the precedent is established you will be overrun with applications -

Capt Shropshire is a nice gentleman - He has my respect in every way, & I would be only too glad to oblige him - If you think it is proper to do so, I will with pleasure, that I do not approve the policy —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Lt. Col. W. R. Broadwell
Inspector Gen

[illegible]

D. A. Davis Esq

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Cotton Bureau left Trans Miss
Tuscumbia Dec 5, 1864

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Lt. Isaac A. Q.
Chief Cl. Dept

I have the honor to request the removal of the
name of Capts J. A. Baldwin, Richardson & Humphreys Bell
Tenth Regiment

Capts Baldwin were detailed by
special order No 21 dated Tuscumbia October 11, 1864
for service in the Cotton Bureau as purchasing agent
of said Dept for Colorado County and his services
are not now essential to this office in that capacity
Please order him to
report to me for assignment to duty

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Hill
Capt & A.D.C.
on duty in Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 6. 1864

I hereby certify that this Office was indebted to
J. H. Starnes Jr. on Oct 6. 1864 for Army supplies
exported by sch Str "Kenrigh" Jr. on
to that date and sold to Lt. Col H. G. Hutchins
for use of the Confederate States the full value
of two thousand outward Cargo of Cotton — say
Four Hundred Bales —
Of which there have furnished
on part payment of said
indebtedness } 110 Bales 54.850 lbs

And he has taken on board as a
consequence of my inability to
pay — — — — — } 390 " 192.014 "
Total 500 Bales 246.864 lbs
Which is entitled to clearance under the Act
Regulations by virtue of previous contracts
of Cotton sine and Lt. Col Hutchins —

C. H. Wells
Cotton Agent

To James Sorley Esq
Collector Port of Galveston —

Hamilton Dec 6 1864

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd and shall wait and be governed

Enclosed please find exhibit A & B and oath

Exhibit A dated Dec 1 - for $ 57.69
" B " " 41 58
" C " " 2 Calleballow
" D " " "
" E " " "
" F " " "

I have no authority to deduct from Book Grace charges she has taken your request I have done & shall do so if this is the case, one of which is for 200 bales and he can assign it to you if agreeable and also the 2 bales she charges he owes you -

Please be more careful and circumstantial in your certificates the act of 64 & you formed a part of -

The 29 Bls you report as having been received from R. & Co. Banks, never came to hand, & was never received here on that date 29 Bls cotton to have been received from R. & Co. Banks.

You may state the cotton has been shipped by Banks - & does not enter into this matter, and order we cannot we have nothing to do with the matter but have to identify and receive cotton -

If you will forward your bill and order from Stevenson for cotton - and on the reception of the 29 Bales mark your bill we will forward it immediately on receipt of the order -

Very Resp. Yours &c &c

Cotton Bureau T. & N. O. R.R. 51
Houston Dec 6th 1864

Lt. G. Tarbell
San Antonio

Enclosed please find exemption No 882 from
usage for 4 mule wagon Mr. Magee will call
and receive for the exemption

Very respy
yr obt Svt
A. G. Hill
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau T. & N. O. R.R.
Houston Dec 6. 1864

Capt. Bartlett Engaged
Marlin

Sir:

Yours of the 5th inst is at hand. Enclosed please find exemption for one wagon & team. Mr Magee will call for the exemption & receive the same. No 882 for 4 mule wagon

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

As already instructed in former communications you will not impress any cotton belonging to persons living within the lines of the enemy.

Very Respy, your obt Svt
A. G. Hill
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston Dec 6. 1864.

Messrs Stone & Smoker
Shreveport La

Gents.

I have just discovered that I have receipted to you for 60 Bales too much Cotton, that ich Should have accounted for in the Ferry Lot — You will recollect that you had Cap'n Cox receipt for 3390 Bales & I had rec'd. from Brigades 29 " making in all 3.419 Bales of which you returned to Columbus 26 " leaving a nett balance of 3.393 Bales — Capt Hall Trans. procured a receipt from the Treasurer dated Aug 15th for 50 " which he claimed as Defense, from Capt Cox's receipt — & I receipted for 3.442 Bales

I now learn from Capt Cox that the 50 Bale lot was a part of the 3390 Bale lot, & I have consequently receipted for too much —

Please send me your receipt against it, so that when I send receipts for the Cotton now at Brigades I may deduct it —

Very respy
Your obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 6. 1864

Maj A. H. Grillé
San Antonio.

Dear Sir,

I enclose my Exemptions

No. 683.	Jno. S. Hague	Hon 1064	42 B/C
" 727	do.	" 17 "	26 "
" 223	J. B. Robinson	Dec 5 "	38 "
" 224	do	" " "	28 "
" 226	do	" " "	12 "

for which please send me your permits for same numbered Bales & Pounds in each case at your earliest convenience.

To facilitate the settlement of our business, and to prolong our receipts of Cotton to the latest possible moment I would be glad to have about 50 to 100 of your blank permits. I do not know whether you would feel authorized to allow me to fill them up & remit you my Exemptions in place as there but I make the suggestion as a matter of some consideration to the Bureau & to know briefly your views as to its propriety. Some of the Exemptions issued late in January may fail to reach you by Feby 1st the said.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Yoell
Capt & C

Buffalo Bureau U.S. Ins Co
Boston Dec 6 1864

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I am in receipt of your favor dated Nov 30th
Enclosed find exhibit A and daughters form
I have not changed the wording of above receipt. I have altered the
wording of the last clause and substituted words under
which policies were issued, as the other
wording of the clause for the whole amount stated
I can now only pay 60 per
cent and you will see by exhibit A the reason why
we pay only that amount. If the party will accept of 20 per
cent in addition to the 60 per cent now paid we can settle
the claim for Sixty five per cent in full.

Very truly
yours &c
G. W. Wales
Secretary

Cotton Bureau Dept of Supply
Houston Texas Oct 1st 1864

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Lieut Col Ingalls
Quartermaster

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst with enclosures and Invoice and Bills Enclosed please find certificate dated Dec 4th from A. G. Easley for $192.23 and certificate for $8 for use of Co.

You will observe that the charge for 1000 sacking bagging for 250 yds and 500 lbs twine agrees with your estimate, I apprehend from the quantity of Bkt purchased it will be necessary to make another requisition which please to be prepared to do with the return of the present train.

It would be more regular to all letters relative to cotton be sent to the Depot and not to the Post Office

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Sloan
Capt & A.Q.M.

Extract Duncan Kyle Esqr Sheriff Houston Dec 6. 1842

A.G. Mann Esqr
Milledgeville

Sir.

I have received your favor of the 30th ult. and contents. I have also received the Acquittance from J.C. Beasley for $204.00 in full of all demands to the 1st Jan 1842 and have given him a receipt for the same. I have also received from Mr Wm Hall the amount of Tax Fi Fa in favor of Wm Hall vs Jno Beasley for $204.00 and have given him a receipt for the same. I have also received from Mr Wm Hall the amount of Tax Fi Fa in favor of Wm Hall vs Jno Beasley for $204.00 and have given him a receipt for the same.

receipt enable me from E. Bustamente -
As I have via detailed teams that I can change from the lower country, please apply to Maj Russell to send a one come from San Antonio -
You can ship to San Antonio or to Millican as may be most convenient, when you get transportation. I would prefer Millican, but leave you to your discretion - It is better to send to San Antonio all not taken by E. Bustamente than to let it remain unprotected on plantation -
The Bagging & Rope intended for R. C. Stone Agt at Fairfield I want him to have - & will write to him - if he can get along without it I will have it turned over to you -
Release with Mr. H Bell for the amt of Cotton he has delivered - See him & Mr. Walker in return the Bags & Rope on work their sins by single power - & cannot consistently grant a permit unless their Patron is obtained in time -
Your people seem to have a foolish idea about going to San Antonio for their permit - They do not have to go or send - Let them send the application by Mail & Maj Grillet will respond at once with the permit -
The receipts for Bales & Manson have not yet come to hand - I trust you do not permit for Cotton before it is baled & delivered to you -

Very respy
C. G. Wells
Agent

Custom House, Collr's Office.
Houston Dec 6. 1864

R. G. Stone Esq
Fairfield,

Sir

I sent you some cotton ago. to
care of Patience Ford, Millican,
a lot of Rags & Bagging for which I
Rec'd which has not yet been taken
away — Can you send Teams
for it — or do you need it? If
you do not I can use it to advan-
tage in Brazos County —
Please let me know —

I enclose a pamphlet, which gives the
duties of the Texas Custom Officers, &
also what has been done by it
& this Person in the way of procuring
army supplies — Please show
it to such people as are dissatisfied
about the Government application of the
Act. Custom —

Very respy
Your obt
E. G. Shells
Collector

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mess
Houston, Dec 7. 1864

Maj. A. A. Gabell QM
Galveston

Major.

I have been called upon again by Ball Hutchings & Co in reference to their property. Their A/c on the Rio Grande - also A/c in Houston - writes them that even tho' duly granted the Cotton to the River but does not permit its exportation - As this seems to be the case, I shall decline to pay Banchie the regular amounts to pass the Cotton. In the course of the Operations I have filed with you say $20 000 -

Your attention will much oblige me, as they are looking to me for relief now and I can do nothing in their attendance - I came thro' the permit Office for the purpose of expediting their transportation, but I find them at the same time that they had with me upon the usual notice - I do not know upon the usual notice - I do not think it proper that the Cotton should have been the most rapid under the circumstances -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
C. E. Wells
Employee

Central Bureau Egyptian Affairs
Alexandria Dec 7. 1884

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 2d & you with enclosures - I now send you the Scrivelen account for approval, & can return it to me as early as possible -

Egl. Scrivelen account for $1,450 00 for the Press - I have under consideration a proposition for its use - viz to pay a stipulated price per Bale - This will be written down to be expired to the written - I will take this guarantee for its return at any time in good order, & conclude to let things rest as it -

I thank you sincerely for the warm interest you have taken in my welfare - I know your friendship for me better able to say what will be best for me to do than I am - Mr Reed Smith will give me the position you speak of, and allow me a reasonable time to close up the Office business there after. I believe I would be very glad to have it & feel much indebted to you for procuring it for me - The position might not be a pleasant one in many respects but it will relieve me of responsibility of property & records & consequently be desirable - I never wanted to be in Cairo. Still if I could keep it - any respectable position outside that is preferable & I thank you for the interest you hold out to me - It is essential however that I should be given sufficient time to wind up the business which upon known is more or less complicated -

Very respy
Yr Obt Svt
G E Hyde

Egl Cent Bureau Egyptian Affairs

Private

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Boston Dec 7. 1864.

Dear Cox.

I have your letter of 29th ult. with Judge Grays letter enclosed. — We my first circular to Agents I took the ground that Judge Gray does & directed no further proceedings on the part of the Circular of 15th inst (on Maj Russells recommendation) which I thought in nature transcended the latitude given by Judge Gray. Our conduct he no doubt took amiss. It is quite possible that I have thus opposed to the Duncan. She is very strongly opposed when he forms an opinion & is unmovable. If he thinks I neglected to repudiate what has been done he will not hesitate to do so. He may not think it proper to interfere with rights which people have acquired through us in good faith, but he would not hesitate to assume the responsibility if he thought it necessary.

I have not taken notice to this Circular as I thought reaching me only & did not act upon it. Compared with my previous circular it was untimely inopportune. Believing you had issued it knowingly & proposed this circular of which I send you a copy that for the receipt of your letter. It would have been mailed last night. I have disapproved them all, however & as soon as you issue the circular with Judge Gray's amendments I believe he will have no reason to complain of us. I sincerely wish that you will arrive at an understanding honorable to us & which will be final. Another change will push the people into such an inconclusive excitement that all the Good operations in Cotton Agencies will be hampered so that nothing will be accomplished. If Judge Gray will publish his programme on the acquisition of Treasury Cotton it will help us more than any thing else can.

Love to the Judge & the ladies. Very truly yours

C. B. Wolcott

Wm. Cox Esq

Memphis

New Orleans Nov

Dr. D. A. Shelton
Natchez

Sir

We have this day shipped on board the Ship [illegible] for Natchez 1 Bale [illegible] Rope 280 pounds which we hope you will receive safe and find agreeable. Nothing of importance has occurred in the market since our last. We are

Your Obt Servts
Gurley & Slack

Houston Dec 7th 1838

Dr. W. W. Pomeroy
Galveston

Dear Sir

We this day shipped on board the Ship [illegible] for Galveston 1 Bale Rope 280 pounds which we hope will reach you safely and find it in good order. Nothing of importance has occurred in the market since our last. We are

Your Obt Servts
Gurley & Slack

Central Bureau Exp. Trans Mess
Stanovaya Lake y. 1904

Capt. R. Stuig
Karaganda

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 4th inst. and have taken due note of the contents. I have also received a letter from the "Liggie" that they will not buy Cotton which has been contracted for with us - they do not claim that Mr Williams Cotton, on the contrary they have refused to buy it at all -

Consequently whatever they do buy from parties who have contracted with us, or have received Bagging & Rope from us, you will give notice to the authorities & they (& the military) will stop it - But we have no right to prevent them from purchasing Cotton from people who have made no contract with us.

We have always exportation by sea to all parties who offer half the tonnage of a vessel to Govt - They cannot be compelled to do more -

On enquiry I learn that the Cotton by you or on board of the "Liggie" has never been contracted to the Govt - The most of it has been purchased from Mr Oldham of Khantood - & you know that it has been generously pledged to the Govt - you can ask to have it stopped - Otherwise it will have to go into the Treasury Loan - I will be glad to see you when you come down there next week - with yours -

Yours truly
Gladstone
C. E. Field Engineer

U.S. Coast Survey Office Gulf of Mexico
Galveston Dec 7. 1854

Lieut J. Parker USN
Galveston,

Sir

I have your favor of 5th inst and note contents.

Lieut Broadwell has returned to Pensacola with Packing things & Galveston as the head quarters used -

He is here now & will proceed to your letters & your order & Directions -

Very respy
your obt
C. O. Wells

U.S. Coast Survey Office Gulf of Mexico
Galveston Dec 7. 1854

John Graham Esq U.S.
Mobile,

Dear,

I have your favor of 5th inst and note contents -

I now enclose Exception No. 227 from Mr Dr C. as requested -

Very respy
your obt
C. O. Wells
Capt

Baltimore Bureau Mch 5 1864
Taunton Dec 7. 1864

Mr Engard
Auditor

Sir

I am in receipt of yr of the 4th inst Enclosing
[illegible] and I enclosed the draft sent for R H Peter
for $1.00 and exemption No 160 for Pocahontas

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & Qr Mr

Baltimore Bureau S. of Pa
Taunton Dec 7. 1864

E. A. Graves Esq
Ben Stone Agt
Ben Stone

Sir

Enclosed find certificate of draft sent for
$ 1.00 and exemption No 162 for Ephraim
Calhoun

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & Qr Mr

Cotton Bureau Sell Texas
Houston Dec 5. 1864

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[illegible]

I am in receipt of yours of the 3d inst and note contents. In relation to instructions of the rules of the Bureau, a charge of 5% is charged for the bagging and rope that is necessary to put on the cotton that is sold to the govt, and all cases of circumstances except this will any charge for the purchase of those articles actually furnished the seller, is to be put on the govt half in Bagging and half in cash.

Under Genl Smith's rules planters who sell to the Cotton Bureau are considered as in the field, and therefore are consequently no longer subject to conscription.

I have this day sold for the following as follows

"	"	" 5 "	J. D Cunningham	257.00
"	"	" 5 "	J. M Byrne	464.25

[illegible]

Cotton Bureau Sec'y
Houston Dec 5th 1864

J. D. Cunningham Esqr
Bastrop Texas

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 3d inst. Enclosed please find certificate of sale of your Cotton to the Bureau for account and expenditure to the 5th for 15 Bales Cotton

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Col. Wells
Cot Bureau

Cotton Bureau Dept Treasury
Houston Dec 7. 1864

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Col. S. Lockett Engr
&c &c &c Galveston

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th & yet must make an effort Mr Johnson who alleges himself to be an agent of the State has called here for the identification of the 12 Bales that he claims to have shipped here, and being part of the 19 Bales which he began the 5th of November & the first you have shipped as received from Mr Flewellen. I have declined assuming the identification because I am not in possession of sufficient information on the subject and have not your certificate of receipt as required -

Please at once make enquiries and ascertain with certainty who the 19 bales referred to belongs and when satisfied on the subject let me know how the matter stands - & send also your certificate as I can act in the regular manner -

Mr Banks as I have endeavored the matter stands only 12 bales of the disputed lot of cotton and of your own satisfied he is entitled to it, when it follows from whom was received the other 7 bales -

I have promised to send Mr Banks his money here on Saturday and to enable me to keep my promise I must hear from you by return mail -

I am will be called on at 3 here when my certificate ofc to Mr Flewellen in payment of this lot of cotton, and I shall rely on you to effect a matter to hand, and obtain from him and return to me the certificate ofc -

Please also give this your immediate attention for it is an important matter to me - Enclosed letters from Mr Flewellen and Mr Banks

Very Truly Yours

Weston Bureau Dept Trans Plins
Houston Dec 8. 1864.

J. D. Adams Esq
Hempstead

Dear.

I have your favor of 4th but know contents. I write to 4th Levee to day to write your Rope account just — I do not know its exact position & cannot give any particular orders on the subject —

Yours respy
Engineer
Trans Dept
G. E. Hicks
Engr

Weston Bureau Dept Trans Plins
Houston, Dec 8. 1864

J. J. Adams Esq of
Hempstead

Dear,

Mr P. A. Lord writes me about a lot of Hemp-and Rope which he returned Trans in exchange for Cotton rope — I do not remember the Item at the time — Please write & omit Item just if it is entitled to more rope than you have given me credit for — but if he is already no doubt by the Memorandum he is correct as it is —

Yours respy
G. E. Hicks
Engr

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 8. 1864

W. Bailey Esq
Huntsville

Dear

I have your favor of 5th inst and note contents
I now enclose Vouchers made up
as required viz

No 11 - Service account $ 442.00 Cts
" 12 Purchase account 1215 C. 1416.92 "
Exemptions No 865 10 15 C
" " 866 3 "

No 11 - Wages 1215 C - 441.98 Cts
Exemptions No 22 10 15 C
" " 3

Please sign the vouchers & return them -
I desire you to collect the $1415 92 & close
the transaction - You can do so
by draft or otherwise -

Respectfully
Your obt
L. G. Hill
Agt

Golden Queen right Tunnel 72
Hamilton Dec 8, 1864

Sir

Enclosed
Receipt

I have this day received from Messrs Hall & Hughes
the sum of Six hundred & twenty five
dollars in full payment for all claims
against the Golden Queen Mining Co
to date.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. G. Hall
Agent

Golden Queen Mining Co
Hamilton Nevada

Land Office at Stockton
Houston Dec 6 1860

[illegible]

Sir I am instructed by order from the Secretary of the Interior to make [illegible] Now will please cause [illegible] to be published as required by law and forward to this office your sworn affidavit of the publication of the notice enclosed for.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
E. G. Keith
Register

Land Office at Stockton
Houston Dec 6 1860

[illegible]

By order from Secretary of the Interior I am instructed [illegible] any more entries. You will please cause notice [illegible] to be published for sixty days and forward to this office your affidavit of the publication of the notice enclosed for.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
E. G. Keith
Register

Galveston Bureau Sept 7th 1864
Equation Sec 2 1864

Mr Engart
Ball Spring

I am instructed from Washington to cause purchasing
Yards will please consider my circular letter
of Sept 2d 1864 as a nullity cease purchasing and turn
all your attention to the collection of Abandoned
Property.

very truly
your obt Svt
L. C. Wells
Lt Col & A.D.C.

Major Thomas Engart Comd Post
Brazoria, Matagorda Co Texas.

Galveston Sept 7th 1864

Major

I have the honor to inform you that I have
this day assumed command of the Dist. of Texas
relieving Major General John B. Magruder.

Please forward
to these Hd Qrs as early as practicable — Reports
from Subordinate Officers of the Dist of matters [illegible]
Dist is not in a satisfactory condition it is my wish, that
I may be able to satisfy yourself, before you leave
the District.

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.D.C.

Custom House, Dept of Texas
Galveston, Dec 8. 1864

E. S. Dodge Esq
Galveston

Sir,

I have examined Sch. 16 Bbls Pork & Crate Contents, & now enclose herewith Receipts for the Bags Tierces & Bbls drafformed. You can take the Invoices - obtain his signature to the receipts in duplicate which date to me. Make out Entry for each Transfer of Property -

Very respy
Your ob't Svt
E. G. Wells
Col & Surveyor of Customs
Galveston, Dec 8. 1864.

J. P. Jones Esq
Collector

Sir -

We have now received an original Receipt for 160 Bbls Bags & 150 lbs Rope - which I now return to you - Please enter on the original Invoice in lieu of the one returned to me -

Contra 38 Bbls Bags & 10 lbs Rope
One " " 50 " "

Upon duplicate of each & send one of them back -

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
E. G. Wells
Collector

Cotton Bureau Dept of Trans Mess
Houston, Dec 8. 1864

Lt. B. Hilldrick Esq
Hempstead

Sir -

I have comparons of 3d & 5th Inst. - Duplicate contents - I now enclose the detail of Jacob Kachelau. - I do not ask upon John Ottos case because, as I told you when you were here, I want to be sure that you have Cotton for the man to haul before you ask for one - I had some experience with you Bastrop details and prefer not to risk ... I must with the same results -

I also told one that St. Peters was on duty with Agent Wilson - and you should return him to Alleytown as you have no warrant for using him -

Very resp
yours
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Keen

Boston Mass. Oct 27 77
Hyman Block Office

Roger
[redacted] Roger Williams

I have received yours of the 16th from St. Anthony Falls
and shall be glad to hear from you again when you
have received answer from the Secretary of War
[illegible] for the soldiers. It is customary to the Quarter
Master's office to issue new identification cards when the old ones
are lost but I think it probable that
I can get you one sent to you. I wish it possible that
I could see as much as I should like to see you
and would like to call on my return from

Very Respy
Yr Obt Servt
A. G. Wells
Capt Vol Engrs

I have not been informed that this matter has been settled
yet. When you receive it at St Anthony let me know
A G W

Boston January 3rd
London Dec 7th 1764

[illegible]

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th ult. Enclosed please find Invoice & Bill of Lading for 1 Package Sundries shipped by the Ship [illegible] Capt. [illegible] I presume you have the original Bill of Lading from whom you can collect the freight & charges. Please advise me if I am right & oblige

Yours truly

[illegible]

Boston January 3rd
London December 7th 1764

E. [illegible] Esqr
Liverpool

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th ult. Enclosed you will find Invoice & Bill of Lading for 1 Package Sundries shipped by you on the [illegible] which will be entered by your correspondents in this City. I presume you have the original Bill of Lading from whom you can collect the freight & charges. Please advise me if I am right & oblige

Yours truly

[illegible]

Ballon Bureau 2 & 5th
Hamilton Sept. 1864

A. P. Remington Esq
Comdg

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and note contents
I am now at Brigs Balloon Barlow boards and will
if necessary hire that you are ready to turn over station
to me & assume it and mine & your responsibilities of course
I will also write Col Key and request he assume the command
from me as soon as practicable.

I am sorry I cannot grant
your request and issue the stores you require in addition
to the allowance but such a course is contrary to the rules of
this office.

very Respy
your Obt Svt
Ira G. Wells
Capt Balloons

Galveston Decr 8 1864

E. E. Bailey Esq
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and note contents. I shall send with first opportunity for Columbia for 1/4 Bale and shall be pleased to fill your order for 10 Bales Cotton. I am just in receipt of instructions from Headquarters instructing me to cease any further purchases of cotton, you will therefore please stop further deliveries and send all your attendants to the collection of that already secured.

Mr. G. T. Allford agent for Trinity County requests he be sent 8 or 10 bales. I cannot send him more articles from other permit and request you send him the cotton he requires as soon as practicable. His post office is Weaford Washington.

I have none at Galveston permit carried through the blockade a fresh supply of boots and caps and can in a few days supply your demands.

Very resp
yours &c
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.S.

Boston Bureau Exp. Co. Mass
Houston Dec 9. 1864

Capt. H. S. Lyon A.Q.M.
Brownsville,

Capt.

I had the honor on the 6th inst. to remit you
my draft on Gen. Perkins for $1868.24 specie
& my own Rec. for 100.24 currency
& the Cert of Dep for Mr. A. Randeau forwarded the
above order in settlement. Since then have not
a word been heard to Brazos please write A Dft
No. 1 & 2 & let me know if you have them, as it is awaiting to me
for a settlement! Please have the money ordered
returned to me through one of your friends at Brazos
Very resp. Your obt. Svt.
W. G. Wells

Boston Bureau Exp. Co. Mass
Houston Dec 9. 1864

Mr. A. Randeau
Brazos

Per -

I have communicated the
above contents - On the 6th I sent to Capt Lyon
at Brownsville my Specie draft for $1868.24
& my own Rec. for currency 100.24
Wait here & call at the Specie Agents in town -
I went there again today & do so, & I have no doubt
you will be paid in receipt of it - The draft &
Cert have only one month ago, & we have the money
& shall from it yet.

Very respy Your obt Svt
W. G. Wells

Coast Survey Office
Sacramento, Dec 7, 1854

Sacramento

I have the honor to enclose copy of details of
Col Graham's Corps & Co. Bear Riv
do do do
do have been in the employ of King Merrill & Co's Coast
Survey, by virtue of special engagements of Jan 1
last for 4 months. They have engaged
to remain in the service of the Government
if there is no special reason why they are ordered
home. I can cheerfully recommend them for
duties of responsibility & trust. Messrs King & Co. have made claims upon this office
for services rendered under Contracts made under the direction of
a Board of Survey, copies of which is that
they were to be allowed such extra pay as may be necessary
for the faithful performance of the Contract, which details are
now upon the files awaiting the action of the Contract
Board. They have engaged for 4 months, their details
will therefore be for that time.

I desire King & Co. may apply to me for their men as they
may be necessary to them. If you can reconsider
your order & allow them to remain in the service
I can order them to report to me for duty.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
A. D. Bache
Supt

To
Lieut. J. E. Hunter
Corps of Topl Engrs
Sacramento
California

Boston August 23rd 1783

Agent
Sandwich

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th instant and the [illegible] You enclosed a copy of Sandwich has been received & enclosed in a letter from Lieut Partington Names of Sandwich and the account of Iron and articles for use of Batteries &c. Sandwich and as requested am sent to Lieut Partington for his settlement. From the above you will see that all claims & demands are to be settled and for any further information on the subject I must refer you to the Board of Ordnance as you is proper application to Board. I presume these gentlemen have all vouchers you state. In fact as mislaid.

It is important that no deficiencies of ordnance stores should be found, and you are directed upon receipt of this to send an exact return of the stores received from this office

Your Obdt
Servt
S. G. Wells
Secy Bd. of Ord.

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Camp Near Vicksburg Dec 7. 1862

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst with vouchers and rolls enclosed for the following amounts and will forward the same to the Paymaster General for payment as soon as possible.

[illegible] for the 8th Ill. Cav. as requested & have delivered the same to Col. Prince.

Also duplicate for the 8th Ill. Cav. to Pay Master Reynolds.

Also duplicate for 4th Ill. Cav. to Pay Master Reynolds.

Also duplicate for Lt. H. Sickel for $50 dollars.

Also voucher for this Regiment has also been delivered to Major Reynolds.

I send your vouchers to sign for the Pay you have to disburse the money through the Paymaster when should the condition ever and send [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. E. Hills
Capt & A.A.G.

Capt. Burton, Dept Asst Adj Gen
Memphis Dec 7. 1862.

Lt. O. Crocker Asst Adj Gen
Jackson,

Sir -

I have just had an interview with Genl Grant who says he has ordered Gen Hurlbut to send forward to Memphis all of the troops not already assigned to duties as you may see fit. Please send a copy to Gen Hurlbut at Memphis and advise me of your action in the matter.

Very respy
Your obt
C. E. Hills

Col. C. Duncan, Deputy Asst Adjt
Gen. Hancock, Asst Gen. Office

Lieut. H. V. Courtland
Hatagonda.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated Duncans Mill Pa. 10th inst. requesting information as to the Regulations which govern the Enrolling Officers in the discharge of their duties, and in reply have to refer you to the Act of Congress approved March 3d 1863 and the Regulations issued from this office in accordance therewith, a copy of which has been furnished to each Enrolling Officer.

In relation to the duties of Surgeons, you are referred to the Act of Congress approved July 4th 1864 and the Regulations issued from this office in accordance therewith, a copy of which has been furnished to each Surgeon.

Your letter will be returned herewith.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. C. Gill
Capt. A.A.G.

Boston Dec 9 1760
Thursday Morning

W. Johnson Esq
Private

I am in receipt of your favour of the 30th ult and note its Contents please find Inclosed Bill Lading for one Hogshead

Bureau Bureau & Free
Freedmen Refugees &c

Major Gen Howard
Washington

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst and note
contents. Please find enclosed the form of
Contract for labor and enclosed you form of Re-
port required of planting privileges, also a schedule
rates as the lowest rates can be and for what purpose.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
O. O. Howard
Maj Genl

Bureau Bureau & F'dmen
Refugees &c

E. Baldwin Esqr
Detroit

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst. Enclosed
find schedule of Cot Farm Tenements and Fuel for
the Refugees. The statement you [redacted] me was
not that Mr Wade Cutler made of exactly but merely a state-
ment of the weight of wheat after the rebels
had taken all they could from the Negroes
Negroes accounts of rebels
Farmers & others of whom they have rented Mr Wade
or his friends and of course had the opportunity
of knowing before

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
O. O. Howard
Maj Genl

Boston Revenue Dr. 7.7W
Hamilton Dec 7. 1864

Agent
Canada

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and note
the Contents. I sent the Early shipping and certificate of
Clearance of Hamilton as requested, which you have
doubtless received from the shipper for B.N.A. and if so at
present I do not look for execution. I apprehend there is no
Duty to be charged upon the certificate as it is given for
Exports from the U.S. to be returned.

You state your Bill for one dollar equal to [redacted] yuan
[redacted] the note. There has been charged here
[redacted] for one dollar [redacted] yuan [redacted]
[redacted] yuan [redacted]
[redacted] yuan [redacted]

From which it seems we have already overcharged
[redacted] yuan and by this a further offset
to your demand for remaining yuan. When yuan
[redacted] please send remaining yuan deficiency
[redacted] Should you have from persons whose names
[redacted] Should there be no charge made
[redacted]

Yours truly
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Cotton Bureau A & M
Houston Dec 9. 1864

Col. A. J. McFarland
Austin

Sir

Inclosed please find your letter of the 6th inst complaining of the action of Lt Whitehead in compelling one of your teams to convey to the Rio Grande five sacks of corn for each wagon. The various endorsements on the letter explain the matter. Please send it for your information and return it with such instructions as you may deem proper.

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau A. & M.
Houston Dec 10. 1864

Lt. A. White Cav Regt
Indianola

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and note contents. Please send certificate of the Wagon Master employed in the transportation of the 5 sacks of corn for each wagon, and also the number of the wagons.

Please give your name in full

When I return to Indianola and remember before me
a notary public when I come. Your prompt attention will oblige
Your Obt
A. White
2nd Lt Cav. C.S.A.

Cotton Bureau Kept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 10. 1864

Wm. L. Wade Esq
Alleytown

Sir -

I have accompanying Bill of Lad Hamill load the Hans G Kling & Co. Cotton on the train on Monday - to reach Alleytown Wednesday - The R R requires to take it to day -

Very respy
Your obt
C. C. Hall
Engr

Indian Bureau 2 Feb
Tuesday Dec 2nd 1862

D. F. Boyd Esq agt
Tunkhannock

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th instant enclosing
a list of the old Indian debts. I have requested copies of
the vouchers and accounts filed by Mr Barker & Mr Hamilton
after the issue of the money in the years when received the
same

Very Truly
Your Obd Svt
D. P. Wells
Supt Ind Affs

Cotton Bureau Cap't Trans Miss.
Houston Dec 10. 1864

Col. A. P. Chancellor Eng Cgo
Texas

Sir

I have your favor of 6th inst under cover to my address from Gen Gray Treasury Agent at Houston Texas and in answer to your inquiry I have to say that Contracts previously entered into by the Bureau in good faith will be delivered - I am in favor of Bagging & Rope or Twine & will enter into contracts with the parties they may find that have not already engaged - I am glad you have received enough Bagging for your crop & know that all the Cotton the Government is entitled to has been received - I have written instructions to be issued by the Agents for the transportation of Bagging from Houston - Please return it to me signed as early as possible - As I have no more cloth I have issued the amount (187 Yds) into old currency at $3 for $1 in gold and in $2 1/2 in payment - The time for use of old currency has been extended by Congress until July 1st 1865 - consequently Currency will have circulance of time to use it in -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Bank Orders 1804

Bank Orders 1804.

Office Bureau Exp Trans Pac
Houston, Dec 10 1884

G. G. Huntington Esq
Sacramento

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 9th inst - in which you desire to enquire if I G & Co Station Agent - Mr. Trenton is now in the employ of the Co at this point -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agent

Office Bureau Exp Trans Pac
Houston, Dec 10. 1884

Messrs Adams & Co
Galveston, Texas

Gents -

I am sorry to say that the Express Agent is not able to identify the owner of the J. G & Co trunk - I have a letter from Mr Trenton in which he says he will do it as soon as he can find out who it belongs to - & I hope to be able to send you your property by Tuesday's train -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agent

Editor Bureau Agricultural Statistics
Washington, D.C. 10 Oct 24

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of [illegible] I am sorry to say that I am not able to give you the information you desire. The Bureau has no data on the subject and I do not know of any way in which it could be obtained. I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Colonel Wm. Ker Boggs
Adjutant Gen. of Texas
Austin

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have received and encamped upon the Public Square in this City the Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers under the command of Col. John C. Hays, and that I have mustered into the service of the United States the said Regiment, consisting of one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, ten Captains, ten First Lieutenants, ten Second Lieutenants, and eight hundred and forty-three Rank and File, as will appear from the Muster Rolls herewith transmitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. T. Howard
Captain

Adjutant General's Office
Austin, December 10th 1846

Colonel John C. Hays
Texas Mounted Volunteers

Sir

I have the honor to report that I received and encamped upon the Public Square in this City, on the 9th instant, a Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers, under your command, consisting of one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, ten Captains, ten First Lieutenants, ten Second Lieutenants, and eight hundred and forty-three Rank and File, as will appear from the Muster Rolls herewith transmitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. T. Howard
Captain

Cotton Bureau D. S. W
Hamilton Dec 12. 1864

J. H. Hamilton Esq
Parkinsons

Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from S. W. Cunningham agent of this office at Port Sullivan in which he states as follows. Enclosed find receipt for J. H. Hamilton for 26 bales cotton, 19 bales this mon all that were made up acting out of the 25 bales. I have no funds to pay Mr. Sales for repairing - Two dollars per bale is the customary price here, this can be settled by Mr. Hamilton with Sales.

From the above you will see that on your order on Mr. Sales there has been received 19 bales cotton - and that the remaining seven bales were so damaged as not to be worth repacking - the 19 bales received are classed by Mr. Cunningham as middling - and weigh 8483 pounds -

Very Resp
Your obt Svt
O. G. Wells
Cashier

Cotton Bureau Receipt from Mr. Hamilton
Hamilton Dec 12. 1864

Mr. Cr. Hamilton Esq Jr Liberty.

Sirs

Receive your Note - for Seventy Dollars -

Pass will be sent you

O. G. Wells
Cashier

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hamilton Dec 12 1864

Major J. A. Thomas
Chief Commissary Service. Western District of Texas

Major

I have the honor to request the detail of
T. V. Johnson 2d Lt. 35 yrs. Dark complexion. light hair. native
of Virginia and enrolled in Travis County
on the 11th day of May 1864

The services of Mr Johnson are
important to the Cotton Bureau for transportation. &
Government cotton to the Rio Grande -

Please order him to
report to me for assignment to duty -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A Dms

Comm'l Bureau, Dept Rio Grande
Houston, Dec 12. 1864

Maj Gen A. H. Willis
San Antonio.

Major -

I send to I have duplicated numbers
Description, pay
143 - Dec 2 J. H. Richardson Co 5 R/C 2494 Co
143 - " 3, H. Reichman Inf 20, 11.342,
I notify you of the arrest you may stop
pay of the officer & the injury of the Soldier. If
they have not yet appeared I can make the Collector
withhold & thus preserve the Govt —

Very resp'y
Your ob't serv't
G. E. Wills
A.A.G.

Comm'l Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Dec 12. 1864

Maj H. P. Bee C.S.A.
Rio Grande City

Major

I have the honor to enclose Invoices of
Stores 23/2 R/C received from Commercial Agency -
Mexican Agency - Please sign receipt &
return same to me —

Very respy
Your obt serv't
G. E. Wills
Capt A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Dec 12. 1865

Major Chandler Cornell Jr.
San Antonio,

Major,

I have the honor to enclose vouchers of Genl Smith, & C. S. Navy for $1152.90. also blank receipts for same amounts to be signed by you - I have your copy of Genl Broadnell's letter of Dec 1st as my authority for asking you to take up this vouchers - Please return me the receipts as early as possible - The payment was made at Austin on 8th 12th inst -

Very respy
Your obt
C. Cornell
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Dec 12. 1865

Capt. W. H. Hutchens,
Velasco.

Capt -

I have your favor of 6th inst in reference to contracts -

I do not think the Bureau has any claim to the Cotton and I cannot protect you in taking it. Your better plan will be to have it sent to the owner in such manner as provided by the laws.

Very respy
Your obt

Quarter Master Bureau Capt Trans Office
Houston Dec 12. 1864

Capt S. G. Mitchell,
San Antonio,

Capt —

I have your favors of 6th & 7th Inst
& note contents which are satisfactory —
I now enclose invoice & Receipts 183 Bls Cotton
according to 28 & S. Davis Col — Please have
the receipts signed and return them to me,
also the receipts for 451 Bls Cotton sent
you some weeks since —
I enclose also Qr Master Receipts for $21.000 —
which Mitchell & Bracken — The balance as
stated by you — I will enter on our books here.
Will it be possible for you to send me
a few thousand dollars to pay freights with —
I greatly appreciate to receive, as had been promised,
some of the funds brought in by the Rifles.
$20.000 at least — I have had to supply money
to pay freights on goods arriving at Alleyton, and
am still called on to do so and I can see no
way to do it — I have not Cotton to spare
from allocations & the debts, hope you can
send me some funds —

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Mitchell
Capt AQ

Galena Dec 20th 1864

Maj Gen Rosecrans

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of Dec 17th and note contents. Enclosed find statement of Lt Jno Schaeffer for services rendered and vouchers of Lt Jno Schaeffer & I respectfully have noticed Lt E. Moore with this and Lt Schaeffer to Fort at Big Hill Gonzales County

Please investigate conduct and report in your endorsement of the case that I may act with which you have charged Lt Moore for I will furnish his own testimony and is anxious to be subjected to thorough examination that is investigation

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. B. Wells
Brig Gen Vol

Galena Dec 20th 1864

Lt Jno E Moore 2nd
Big Hill Gonzales Co

Sir

Enclosed please find statement of charges for Lt Jno Schaeffer and vouchers in support of same for your information

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. B. Wells
Brig Gen Vol

Sabine Bonnau B. F. W.
Carrizo Dec 12. 1864

C. H. Cunningham Esq Agt
Port Sullivan

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th & 8th inst and note contents. Enclosed find certificate of complaints as follows

G. W. Ferguson certificate of date 1096 & complaint No 196 for 13 Bbls
J. W. Ft Ferguson . . . 1097 . . 12 "

If you will return the Certificates certified as I will cancel as requested. The complaint of accused in your not making an entry on certificate the fact that the cotton was baled—

Please always be careful and insert in your complaints the amt of Bbls with which you furnish a party and when no Bbls and rope is supplied, but the party furnishes his own a consequently entitled to another note the fact on your certificate. This is essential to prevent losses here— I have written Mr Ferguson about the other you received from Mr Wells—

Very Respy
Your Obt
Ed G. Wells
Supt

Ordnance Bureau U. S. N.
Hampton Dec 12. 1864

Lt. R. Bache Esq agt
Fortress Monroe

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th & 9th inst and note contents. Enclosed, I submit the requisitions for Lt. R. Buchal as per copy herewith, No. 193 for Mr. Keeper Light House as per copy herewith No. 2089 for copy Rolls cotton here as requested have made out in the name of R. S. McKean and will be held until ordered for.

Very Resp
Yr Obt Svt
Sa. G. Wells
Capt & A.D.

Ordnance Bureau Office of Inspection
Hampton Dec 12. 1864

Lt. N. Bruce U.S.
Accomac C.H. Va

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst inclosing duplicate agents certificate of receipts for 1 bale of cotton from Wm. Custis as per list & 1 bale cotton from Mrs. Custis

Respy
Yr obt Svt
Sa. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Shreveport Dec 12, 1864.

Colonel

I have received your order of Sept 1st last month, and Telegram of 10th I have forwarded to Vicksburg & all Parties I can hear of who are engaged in Cotton speculations - I have also written to Capt Gee, directing him to forward the men under his command as ordered -

As Mr Hale will be here in two days I will keep your letter for him - I enclose his letter with the remark that I suppose he does not understand it as sharply as he writes - The matter will be satisfactory to him before we are through with it -

In regard to the order which Gen Walker has given - I enquire if reference only to such Cotton as has been contracted for - Many of the complaints which reach me principally to those Cotton owners who have refused to contract with the Bureau - Mr. Duncan for instance who owns 1000 Bales has never sold one Bale & Yet - He is one of the men who petitioned for the establishment of the Bureau, but now holds back on the ground that he can not believe any part of the Tax will be levied - I would do my best to have this matter explained if it can be done, & I can not see any objection that Gen Walker requires a written Copy of Complimentary notice in Telegram of Nov 8 enclosed -

Very Respectfully your obt Servt
Lt Col U.S.A. Brevet Brig Genl
Supt Cotton Bureau, &c

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Houston Dec 12. 1864

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T. Reade Esq
Bonville

D/ Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note contents. I also your letter of the 25th ult to which you refer enclosing 36 Treas certificate, and mailed to you on the 29th ult to certificate ofc for $1371.12 and exemption ofc for 25 Bales cotton drawn D. J. Reade Kickapoo Tregas County. Texas.

I supposed of course Kickapoo was your post office from your ordering from that place, and not instructing me your postoffice was otherwise.

By enquiring at the Post office at Kickapoo you will receive the certificate and exemption. I can with any certainty ... I can with any certainty order same to be placed in funds with new issue with. ... which to discharge the certificate of this office, but can forward sufficient to liquidate them from the first funds received this side of the river for distribution. I can however discharge them in old issue and will add to the amt due the legal discount 50 per cent so as to make it equal to the new.

Respectfully your obt Svt
Co. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

P.S. Please forward receipt for funds herewith enclosed to your enquiries at the Post office here of there is such a Post office as Kickapoo in your County, and if not then endorse to whom to hand it after receipt.

C. G. W.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 18. 1864

Post Master at Richards. Montgomery Co.

Sir

Some days since I addressed a letter to J. Beall Richards Brazos Co. His present address is Bonville Brazos Co. As the letter has come to your office please endorse it on the outside envelope & forward it.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Steele
Cap & C

Cotton Bureau Dept, Trans Miss
Houston Dec 18. 1864

A. H. Faison Esq &c
La Grange

Sir

I wrote you some days ago about obtaining the vouchers from Charles Finch. I have paid him the specie portion of it and if he continues to hold the vouchers I will still be accountable for it. Send me the vouchers signed that I may retain the due Bill for new issue.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Steele
Cap & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mis
Houston Dec 10. 1864

H. D. Vedder Esq Gr
Panama,

Dear Sir, I have your favour of 10th inst
with & note contents - I now enclose connected
Cert a/c. H. M. Bonnier - to C/C - $2099 94 -
& also $2100 in a d am. to pay it with - Per this
Signature & the new acc- & return it to me - I
send the old number back so that he may destroy it -
I enclose also connected acct H. B. Earley -

Yours truly
H. Vedder
G. G. Hill
Capt & C

Dec 10th - I reopen this letter to say that I
have just learned that the injunction generally
is off & also that the Cotton belongs to Govt -
am not aware that any has been lost but if you
have reason to believe that the Govt has any
claim to it I will receive it from you & pay
the Salvage - In the latter case I would
give you a Draft to transport the money to you in Mexico
& you make the disbursements, and receive &
give for the Cotton

H. G. Hill
Capt & C

Copy to H. M. of Houston Collr
Collector.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston Dec 16. 1864

Hon. E. Henderson Esq Agt.
Marshall.

Dear Sir.

I have written you about the Duncan Cotton
I have no reply as yet — Please send me
your affidavit that you have applied to Lucie &
others & offered the usual terms of the Bureau &
they refused to sell — State the number of
Bales of Cotton — Make affidavits to as
soon as — If you can do so state the date
upon which they refused to sell —

Please send me these papers without delay —
Unless I get them it is not likely that the Government
will any more Cotton in Harrison County —

Have you ever received any Buggy Rope
from Mills Place yet — If so send me
your receipt as I may settle with him.
If you have answer on your for to Tyler in
Harrison County —

Yours truly
E Pendleton
C. S. Agt
Engineer

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 10. 1864

J. D. Cooke Esq A.A.-
Hempstead

Sir -

I have your favor of 10th inst - I do not assume Expenditures in advance of delivery of Cotton. I cannot authorize you to issue the certificate - Figures need not be used in doing so you may upon your own responsibility - but you know best whether you can do so or not.

I will send the Bagging & Rope for Gen Bernard as requested & get Bagg & Rope receipt from Chief Quar.

The Davis matter is not yet satisfactorily arranged but I believe the Cotton & this I will leave the planters - The sole responsibility to which I am held for all I do so makes me very particular, that I will assume the responsibility in this case rather than delay the Davis Cotton. If he paid a little more attention to his own business he would save himself heaps of trouble

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Svt
G. W. Gill
Capt & C

Houston Dec 18. 1844

Capt. A. B. Lee A.G.M.

Dominick,

Sir

Please deliver to Capt A.B. Lee
Schneider the Santa Fe Press entrusted with
you by Messrs Mann & Simonton —

Respectfully —
G. W. Grell
Capt. & Asst

Receipt of Capt G. W. Grell Commissioner
Press of Reasoning of the Santa Fe
Texans. I am to bring the Press to Houston
at my own expense for up to Face the case
- ful charge, which is my charge and pay-
ment of Expenses from the City Cash in
case on each Bill of Cost in favour of Press
of Press, and am to return it in the Mail
order as received, when I am called upon to do
so. In consideration whereof I am to
have the Press, which I receive as the mere my
own & shall not be responsible, or the loss
of use of it for any purpose that I may
else be putting it to.

Houston Dec 1844

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mississ
Houston Dec 18. 1864

Gen

I have the honor to request the detail
of Private M. O'Connell of Matagorda
County Reserve Corps.

M. O'Connell has been on duty with this
office since its organization and has proved
active and efficient in tracing up & saving to
the Govt the Cotton which was scattered in
the Western Counties at the time of the fall
of Vicksburg. There is still much
of this work to be done. In addition to
this this agencies are needed to secure the
contraband delinquency of goods now on the way
to Alexandria. Many of the agents to that locality
have left their Posts & repaired to other
where they should go on to their destinations.
Some have even gone so far as to appropriate
the private entrusted to them. One active
man on this road can save the Govt much
property, & Mr O'Connell is the best man I
have at hand for that purpose. The
withdrawing of this Company renders a new
detail necessary, & I respectfully ask that
it be granted.

Please order mine to report to Capt
H. S. Thrall Depot Q. M. at Shreveville.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. W. Hill
Capt & Agt

Genl L. D. Robertson,
Comdg Reserve Corps.
Shreveport

Costa Rican Exploring Expedition.
Steamer Rea, C. 18 Oct.

Thos. G. Masterman Esq. &c.
Braganza.

Sir -

Mr. H. O'Connell tells me he can get his Costa Rican ginned bags and cotton tenners that were made during his absence - You will therefore let them make his own arrangements for getting it up - When it is done he will turn over half of it to you on the terms of the Officer -

Mr O'Connell has done a good deal of hard work for the Govt without any pay so far and I receive to make the conditions of the delivery of his Cotton as easy to him as I can in justice to the Govt -

You can receipt to him for half of his Cotton after it is packed -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Engineer

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 13. 1864

Mr. G. Hurd Esq
Atty

Dear Sir

Col Bethell has been here & has written with Mine to his satisfaction -
You can now ship the Cotton you have on Hand - If you want cars telegraph tomorrow to the Stockmeet by Express R.R. the will send them -

Very truly
Your obt svt
G. G. Hill
Cotton Ag

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 13. 1864

Messrs J. C. Baldwin & Co.
Galveston

Gentlemen -

Enclosed Receipt for 37 Bales Cotton - shipped by Stockmeet & Co. 1044 - now in Store - Henry & Co - Shipped to your address per Express

Also -
Remitted draft for $ 5.6. Baldwin -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hill
Cotton Ag

Wm. Bacon Esqr Late Chief
Hamilton Dec 14. 1864

Jno. H. Dohn Esq &c
Richmond

Sir

After completing deliveries to Amis & Co. & H. Wilson, ship one thousand Bales Cotton to Halstead at Allentown, to be applied to joint payment of Rhine Hilgeman & Co's Clerk's and Wilson's Claim - And me the undersigned authorize and advise Mr. Halstead to effect negotiations & share payments with each claimant.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. C. Wilson
Engineer

Wm. Bacon Esqr late Chief
Hamilton Dec 14. 1864.

Jno. H. Dohn Esq &c
Richmond Va.

Sir

I write a few lines to request you to [illegible] Please [illegible] and oblige me very much. [illegible] and oblige me by so doing.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. C. Wilson
Engineer

Central Bureau Exp. Trans Miss.
Houston Dec 14. 1864.

R. D. Donaldson Esq
Richmond.

Dear,

I have exam[illegible] a 18[th] Bales returning Exemption from Division — Transferred dry in lieu
as follows — 909. 910. 911. 912 — 8 Bales — 32 Bales
913 — 2[d] Bales. 914 — 6 Bales — 18 "
Total 40 Bales

I return the Certificates as mutilated, as it is necessary to divide it — I expect to be in receipt of another issue — If you have any use for old issue before June 1[st] I can give it at $3 per 2.

Very respectfully
Your obedient
C. C. Wells
Captain

Central Bureau Exp. Trans Miss
Houston Dec 14 1864

Maj J. C. Ransom ACM
San Antonio.

Major — I have the honor to enclose Steward & Stewards receipts for 25 Bales Cotton delivered them at Brazos under order for 300 Bales — and at Calvert delivering 11 Bales Raw Materials —

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Jno C. Wells
Captain

Custom House Bureau Collr. Trans Miss
Galveston Dec 14. 1864

John Sheldon Esqr U.S.
Alleytown.

Sir.

I have your favors of 12th Inst & note contents.. I will do my utmost to get the demands upon you - & to recover & have neither Custom or coin to send you -

Enclose Exemptions

No 240.	J. Schmidt	11 B/C
244	A. H. Hicks	10 "
246	Haig & Co.	104 "
249	Hendy Stillman & Haig	88 "

I have received to date 2 O. Notes for $4600 one advanced to John Hall on B/L reading at Gov 2nd, Please look at your Copy of the B/L, sent Hall Co. & for settlement reduce the amount from this payment - In the meantime place the amount to my credit - Advise me by return mail & oblige the settlement has been made with the -

Respectfully
Your obt servt
H. C. Hicks
Collector

Vicksburg 10 Dec 1864

Capt C. B. McRae
Memphis

Dear Sir I am this day in receipt of your dispatch of the 18 Bales Cotton weighing G. 3943 pounds and in the Hampton the receipt for one, got a permit for G. 4804 pounds leaving a balance due him of 8.909 pounds for which he has had no permit as yet. Please send him a certificate for the same

I am Yours truly
A. A. Cohn
Cotton Agent

Office Treasury Dept. Trans Miss
Vicksburg Dec 10th 1864.

Major C. B. McRae is respectfully requested to issue a permit to Mr. J. A. Stone authorizing the exportation of 8.909 pounds of Cotton. it having been made satisfactory to me that he had not exported as much Cott on under his previous permits as the last delivered to the Govt.

U. S. Grant
Maj Gen Comdg

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Custom House Collector's Office
Galveston Dec 14th 1865

J. Bailey, Esq
Surveyor

Dear Sir —
I have received your letter of this date
requesting information as to the
amount of Gold in your possession
and as I am about to sell my Cotton
and you are desirous of doing the same
you will have to send me your exemption to
San Antonio to Major J. Steele by mail, to
receive Treasury note in payment.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. H. Cushing
Collector

Custom House Collector's Office
Galveston Dec 14. 1865

H. Cushman, Esq
Collector.

Dear Sir —
I have received your letter of this date
informing me that I am entitled to receive
Gold in exchange for my Cotton, and
requesting me to make out my application
for the same to be forwarded to Major J. Steele
Chief Quartermaster at San Antonio, Texas.
In reply I have to say that I am not
entitled to receive Gold in exchange for
my Cotton, but am entitled to receive
Treasury Notes in payment for the same
and I have no objection to selling my Cotton
for Treasury Notes, but I am not authorized
to receive Gold in exchange for Cotton.
I have no application to make to Major J. Steele
Chief Quartermaster at San Antonio, Texas.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. Bailey
Surveyor

Census Bureau, Dept. of State,
Washington Dec 14. 1864.

E. A. Davies Esq Supt-
Gold Spring

Sir -

I shall soon pass up 5th Rush Knobs
Counties.

I enclose Estimate & Examination. of Mr. Hayes
Ice Ho's - I Sq Yds also Corrected Contract
for Mr. Wheeler 20 Ho/C, 2863 Ft -

Mr. Mitchell called for this and requests K.D.K.
Mr Brand - and I have waited to hear from Mr Bailey about
it being at Punchtown -

I have yours of the 9th inst - I shall
go up and the other for a short time -

You can deliver the extra quantity of Bags & R.
to the parties who need it - If it cannot be ac-
counted for by a receipt delivering to the needy by
letter the Contractor should be called upon to be notified.
I have had to keep my papers apart for this purpose.

Get all the signed contracts you have
made - You cannot alter with any more
care, than I use to have the error of a figure
in a contract & it is to the interest of the Bureau
to complete them,

I am very
Yours
E. A. Hitchcock
Capt U.S.

Adjutant General's Office
Washington, Dec 15, 1864.

The Secretary of War directs that Colonel [illegible] A.A.G. Artillery, be ordered from Nashville to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and report by letter to the Adjutant General of the Army. He will make the journey by [illegible] and will be allowed [illegible] for the journey.

By order of the Secretary of War

E. D. Townsend
Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.

Colonel Duncan, Asst. Adj't Gen'l
Department of the Gulf
New Orleans, La.

Brig. Gen. A. H. Terrell
San Antonio.

Sir -

I have your letter of [illegible] last ult. relative to trade via Matamoras & transmit you herewith duplicate Expenses Nos.

No. 224 - Sept. 10th - G. G. Clark - 10 bales - 1292 lbs
505 - Dec 14 - J. G. Metcalf - " - 2000 "
505 - " " - J. H. McShane - 12 " - 3254 "
24 bales 7,546 lbs

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.
E. D. Townsend
Asst. Adj't. Gen'l

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Montreal Dec 10 1864

Messrs Ed
Agents Steamer.

Dear Sir

Please you will to ship the following Packages Merchandize per Steamer 2015 Pounds
also for

D. H. Hill Esq
1 Bale India Bagging 2180 Pounds
1 Package Manilla Rope 2146 Pounds

For which please forward receipts to the office
Very respectfully
E. H. Hill & Co

Central Bureau, Legal Law Office
Honolulu, Dec 16. 1884

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of [illegible] inst. the contents of which have my careful attention, and I sincerely regret that I cannot say anything satisfactory enough to release you. I am unable, and I think [illegible] to [illegible] the payment of claims against the Govt. - But the terms of the contract of Coleman & Co. [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] - The amount [illegible] to be paid [illegible] of appropriation [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Cabot Bunker & Co
Kansas City Mo

A. B. Easby Esq
Electrical Engr

Dear Sir—

I have your favor of 28th inst and note your enquiry about exemptions — All you have to do is to have my exemption sent to Maj Weed at San Antonio & exchanged for Permit — The Permit is then good until used — Send your enquiry by mail, unless you have a safer opportunity.

Very truly
C. G. Wells
Capt T O

Cabot Bunker & Co / Kansas City Mo
Macadam Road No 1805

W. McKenzie Esq
Corsicana Texas

Dear Sir

I enclose Special order No 96 — Receipt for
ordering you to your recruiting rendezvous —

Very truly
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt T O

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I have the honor to request recognit
of [illegible]
[illegible] of the Province [illegible] of St. Andrews Co. Maine
Cyrus Angell County - Age 27 yrs - height
5 ft 10 in - hair dark - complexion fair -
eyes [illegible] - [illegible] of Scotch Extraction -
[illegible] age of Original Grant - I the
[illegible] have evidence to support of his statement
[illegible] the affidavits to which the interests of the
[illegible] will suffer unless I am empowered to
[illegible] in an emergency not provided for and are it
[illegible] discretion as to his actions - the fear of our
[illegible] to which he would become exposed in
the [illegible] position [illegible] in his Company - in
[illegible] Indians we are in his country who can [illegible]
[illegible] position as much as himself -

Please make [illegible] to appoint to me for recognizance
[illegible] as before he has been ordered to his
[illegible] owing to my not to appear here
[illegible] - Am not certain any [illegible]
[illegible] as this [illegible] was required I did not think
[illegible] to refuse him - I trust my conduct
[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Matagorda Dec 15. 1864

Capt A Pearson Asst
Quartermaster
Matagorda

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith Cotton Certificate No 8/C - for 468 ℔ also Exemption No 931. in favor of Jno Cavanaugh - I have endorsed the latter "This Exemption cannot be applied to Cotton in Matagorda or Wharton Counties" - for the reason that you have sent the 11 Bales it was intended to cover, out of the County - You can apply it to Cotton in any other County however.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Capt H. Heis
Houston Dec 16. 1864

A. J. Coates Esq Capt
Hempstead.

Sir -

I have your favor of 14th inst - Cotton Certificate is correct - Have surrendered Exemption for 2 Bales -

Your Receipt are good vouchers for the Cotton delivered to the delivery, and will give me a clear receipt for Bales Exempted & will be surrendered - Each Party must understand delivery, that he must be responsible for faithful application to delivery after he has given his receipt

Respectfully
Mdeleit

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 16. 1864.

F. B. Bailey Esq
Huntsville

Sir-

I have your favors of 12th & 13th inst. & note contents.

Your preparation for settlement for extra Bagg & Rope by making a second deduction on the face of the voucher will answer provided you take another Bagg & Rope receipt & send it with the voucher-

Mr Pedrow has no more Bagging & Ties on hand - I will furnish the Rope in a few days.

I am prepared to pay my Certificate accounts in the new issue up to 1st Sept - I have not funds enough to pay all. I think it only just to pay those first who delivered Cotton first-

Very respectfully
your obt svt
C. G. Yelle
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept I. Hies.
Houston Dec 16. 1864

W. H. Faires Esq Capt
Lagrange

Sir,

I have your favour of 9th inst & note contents. I have made application for renewal of your detail, respect to receive it in a few days —
I now enclose Cert of Exemptions

W. H. Little —	8 B/C	$ 361.94
John T. Holman —	8 "	412.87
W. B. Cooper	10 "	516.87 —

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept I. Hies
Houston Dec 19. 1864

Dear Stowe Esq Pres
Brenham

Sir.

I enclose Cert of Exemptions

C. Kleinecke	5 B/C —	$ 419.05
A. Whitfield & Co	"	1199.93

Respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Capt F. Hess,
Houston Dec 17. 1864.-

General -

I have the honor to enclose Special Orders 178 Hd. Qrs Trans Mississippi, authorizing Lt. O'Connor to call upon the military for assistance in completing necessary arrangements to enable him to perform his duties - and to ask that you issue such order that will obtain the same assistance from Officers having control of your orders -

In addition to the duty of collecting abandoned Cotton Lt. O'Connor will have the supervision of the supply trains on the road between Brownsville & Eagle Pass - The law already passed causes considerable uneasiness by the vigilance hereafter, and with such an order as this can secure for us some effort would good and save property which would otherwise be lost - Owing to the difficulties attending transportation & the good demand for it, the Officers on the Rio Grande are compelled to ship supplies by inexpensible routes in many cases. Upon want of proper Trains much time the goods are always more or less at risk - The Cotton Bureau has now over Seventy thousand of freight on the road - an interest which requires to be well looked after - and I trust that you will appreciate it sufficiently to issue the order -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G. L. Hall
Capt & Asst Quarter
M. & G. Chief.

Maj Gen E. K. Smith
Commanding Dept Trans
Mississippi,

Canton Bureau Sept 2d 1864.
Hanatan Dec 17. 1864.

Dr. R. Hilkinson
La Grange.

Sir.

By request of Mr. Asa Goodwin of Bragg Station Bombeck County I enclose Exemption No 7937 in your favor for $ 3905 Dollars. Please acknowledge receipt to

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
Co. G. Hicks
Capt &c

Canton Bureau Sept 2nd 1864
Hanatan Dec 17. 1864

Asa Goodwin Esq
Bragg Station.

Sir -

I have your favor of 9th Inst with enclosure, & understand you certified cost of 199 1/2 - I have forwarded the exemption to Dr R Hilkinson La Grange Fayette County as requested -

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
Co. G. Hicks
Capt &c

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Cotton Bureau Capt Jones Hill
Houston Dec 19. 1864

Thos. J. Goodwin Esq
Brazos Bottom Burleson Co.

Sir.

I receive certified accts Vouchers &c. amounting
for cotton as follows viz
" 938 - 3 lbs cotton $ 108.54
" 939 - 3 do 126.75
" 940 - 1 do 48.46
as represented by Lt. Moore.

Respectfully
your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Capt Jones Hill
Houston Dec 19. 1864

Milton Perkins Esq
Brazos Bottom Burleson Co.

Sir.

I received the accounts & certificates for
the transfer of your cotton and cancelled them -
Upon this representations that it will prove a hardship
to you to be held to your contract with Lt Moore
I have agreed to release Eight Bales reserving the
remainder until you deliver Six Bales to
Lt Moore - I have written him to that effect &
he will issue you a certificate when you deliver it -

Respectfully
your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Capt Brennan Kept Bonus Allo.
Navation Dept Mch 1864

Capt Brennan
Navation

Sir.

I have received as per Capt Brennan's note requesting me to issue Bounty to Negro Men who have enlisted in the Quarter Master Department for the purpose of working on Plantations and that the Planters must pay one hundred dollars for each Negro so enlisted. I do not consider that I have any right to issue Bounty to Negroes employed on Plantations. The Government pays the Planters for the Negroes when taken from them. If you had furnished the Clothing material he could have manufactured 1000 Suits on his Plantation. You can assure that we can do nothing without Negro's help & I have ordered upon you to supply it. to be paid for by the Govt.

The order you refer to for Cotton from the Plantations placed at Washington County - and is not in force until I have evidence that you cannot be found and the Counties originally assigned. I have not had such evidence yet, nor do I expect to receive it if you will help the Negroes to pay you by placing Negro's help at this department.

I write to the Engineer by this mail to report to other points the condition - & practicable he will communicate with you on the subject.

Respectfully your obd't Svt
C. G. Sibley
Chief Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mississ
Houston Dec. 17th 1864

Chas H. Raymond Esq
Austin.

Sir.

I have a letter from Mr. Buchanan in which he refers to the probability of having 1000 Bales about in the Counties adjacent to the Rappahannock & the payment of his claim - and requests that the agents be allowed to continue purchases in the deed of Cotton to be delivered thereafter - the formalities to be attended in the meantime I feel sure the delivery is complete - I have no objection to doing this but under my instructions I cannot purchase another bale of Cotton, and am relieved only to complete the contracts entered into previous to Oct 24th last -

If however you know any way by which Cotton may be secured to make his claim good I am willing to assist - I cannot instruct the agents to continue purchases as it would be in direct violation of the understanding with Judge Gray and might result in the entire cancellation of all our permits - If however, any contracts verbal or written are yet unfilled, legal Justice can probably have them cancelled by the delivery of Cotton - I will issue instructions on any certificates you choose to assume the responsibility of issuing, thus obtain the permits even though the Cotton may not be delivered previous to May 1st Please see what can be done -

Respectfully your obt svt
C. C. Hill
Capt & AC

Cotton Bureau Dept Z Miss
Houston Dec 17. 1864.

H. H. Baker Esq.
Chunkyville Miss.

Sir.

I have your favor of 16th inst. Trade contents. etc new details are being made for handling Cotton. If your friend has not been ordered back by name his detail is still good Provided it is one of mine and he is ready to haul 40 Bales -

The draw at this Office is ready to deliver Cotton upon proper receipts to Capt Cooke, and he will give three days Hauling to destination -

Respectfully yours etc
G. G. Wells
Capt AC

Capt Hays can be obtained from Capt Cooke

Cotton Bureau Dept Z Miss
Houston, Dec 17. 1864

F. J. Walker Esq.
Mockley, Harris Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th inst Trade contents. Send me a copy of your old details & I will see what can be done with it -

I may have to send you a long way from home to give you employment, as there is no Govt Cotton in your neighborhood -

Respectfully yours etc
G. G. Wells
Capt AC

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mis
Houston Dec 17. 1864

Messrs J. H. Baldwin Bro
Alleyton

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find details of the Contract and
Bonds &c. Rates Rect. They are ordered to report
to you for duty as agents of this Dept

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A Q M

Cotton Bureau, Law Miss Dept
Houston Dec 17. 1864

Penny August Esq
Q.M. Dept.
San Antonio, Texas

Sir,

I have your favor of 13th inst with enclosures for which I thank you.

On Dec 12th I forwarded your transfer papers of 1127 Bales Cotton for which I had either paid or given my certified accounts since I last wrote.

For all of Capt Quichell's purchases not included in my transfer papers you will please make Maj Mitchell's Quarterly Report to me to be forwarded to the parties when Capt Q's certificates are presented.

In any future transactions be furnished at once with a Quarterly in lieu of the usual certificate. Many of these object to surrendering the certificate unless they can be paid in new issues at once, as they do not consider Treasury notes at all desirable.

Pending this arrangement I will refuse to take up any more of the San Antonio certificates & thus prevent any further trouble to you in regard to purchases. I decline it is hoped that Maj Mitchell's Report should show what Cotton has been required for San Antonio by purchases, rather than have it depend on transfer papers from me.

Very respy
Your obt svt
W. G. Wells
Capt & Q

Copy

Cotton Bureau Receipts Issued
Houston Dec 17. 1864

Capt. E. H. Hynds A.A.G.
Brownsville Texas.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your papers of the 2nd & 3rd inst. with enclosures. I am glad to note that the A. Quartermaster approves of my action & have always supposed that there should have been any delay or misunderstanding about it.

I now enclose my Official receipts for 4 bales being all that I have. Also the account of purchases required.

All of your papers in reference to Cotton Office matters I handed to Maj. Col. Hutchins. All Cotton Bureau matters I to Mr Swichard. You are not responsible to the Q.M. Dept. for any transactions while acting as Agent at Brownsville. I am responsible for the $37 10/C forwarded by you. If you will please advise me of the disposition you wish made of the proceeds of your cotton sent me by you.

You are now acting in your Official capacity as Quartermaster and will have to report hereafter the papers as such. I am so fully informed that I apprehend that your papers will find go to Col Hutchins, the Quartermaster, Officially to Col Hutchins. The safest plan will be to make them up complete & put them away carefully until they are called for. I am doing this. You will not have to wait long before the proper officers will call for them.

Very respy. yr. obdt. svt.
H. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Houston Dec 19. 1864

Dear Captain,

I have your kind favor of 7th inst. and thank you for the interest you have taken in my old order for an assistant Qr. – I have been so fortunate as to get cloth from the Clothing Bureau, consequently I will not have to purchase for me please do not do so – If you have bought, Rawlings & will send it in to me & will be very glad to pay for it as soon as it reaches.

I inclose the orders on George & Rawlings as I understand they have no case left – I feel as much obliged to you, Rawlings as if I had got it –

You do not state in the account for services (1st Qr.) and I cannot find the one you first sent to the office – Please send it to me again & give Mr. Parsons an order for the amount & I will settle it with Colton at Douglass –

I am almost worked down, here, I am not sorry that the day of relief is so close at hand – I think we will be able to pay our debts and go out of the Business with clear hands – It would be unfortunate to have ourselves behind unprovided for and all our efforts are now directed to that purpose – Lee & Broadnax will remain on this side until we are mustered out. We have done a perfect grist in this month. If all its efficiency may be attributed, mainly to his efforts –

Very truly yours
G. G. Wells

Capt. S. H. Lynch.
Brownsville

Texas Bureau Right Trans Miss.
Houston Dec 19 1854

Capt. J. C. Swickett
San Antonio

Dear Sir—

Please send me by the stage Hudson or some other private conveyance as soon as possible all the Brownsville goods are marked Clifton instead of to San Antonio, and it is impossible to raise funds to pay freights with— I have already disbursed money which was given me to pay Boston freights with & I have now no other funds for any purpose & no time to collect— As I wrote you a few days ago I very expected to receive $30.000 by Mr Ripley but to my sore disappointment the whole amount was left by him at San Antonio.

We learn that he had orders to that effect from Mr Perkins as no relief to me— as Mr Hudson tells me to supply freight money & Mr Hutchins is not able to provide any means to relieve me— If you can make me $20 000 please do so— if not send me as much as you can— I presume upon this office is very great even more than this as on the road & which about $12.000 will be due me on account the provision made for them—

Please do your best to help me—

Respectfully
Yours &c
G. B. Hall
Capt Q.M.

Control Bureau Capt. Q. M's.
Hamilton, Dec 17. 1864

Lieut Walton Asst Adjt
Alleghany.

Sir:

You will proceed to San Antonio on business of this office. Return as early as practicable. Leave no means untried to procure a favorable response from Capt Fairchild to the contents of my letter sent by you.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & Q.M.

Quartermasters are requested to furnish Lt Walton with transportation to and from San Antonio.

C. G. Hall
Capt & Asst
Actg. Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr. Ala's
Houston. Dec 17. 1864

To Mr. Faison Esq Pt
Lafayette,

Sir,

Mr. Jno. Holston Cpt at Alleytown will draw
on you for an amount of freight due to teamsters
in your neighborhood, payable in Cotton, amounting
to 10 or 15 Bales — Please pay it & advise Mr
Holston who will send you the proper vouchers to
have signed — Pay nothing under that given the
amount called for —

Very respy
Your obt svt
Ed. Sy. Hale
Cotton Bu

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Ala's
Houston, Dec 17. 1864

H. D. Crooke Esq Cpt
Thompsville,

Sir,

Mr. John Holston, Cpt at Alleytown will draw
on you for an amount of freight due to teamsters
in your neighborhood, payable in Cotton, amounting
to 4 or 6 Bales — Please pay it & advise Mr
Holston, who will send you the proper vouchers to
have signed — Pay nothing under that given the
amount called for —

Very respy
Your obt svt
Ed. Sy. Hale
Cotton Bu

Cotton Bureau Receipt Book Miss
Manatee Dec 19. 1864

H. B. Nadder Esq Agt
Manatee

Sir-

Mr. John Wolston, Agt at Alleyton, will draw on you for an amount of freight due to teamsters in your neighborhood, payable in Cotton, amounting to Four & Bales - Please pay it & advise Mr. Wolston, who will send you the proper vouchers to be signed - Pay rather under than over the Amount called for.

Very respy
Your ob. Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Receipt Book Miss
Manatee Dec 19. 1864

H. Strickland Esq
Clerk Bur Cot Affairs
Manatee

Sir -

Mr. Hamm asks for Six Cards
Please let him have
as many as it is possible to do so -
Very respy
Your ob. Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

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List of detailed Conscripts reported back to Capt H. L. Caine Enrolling Officer Bastrop County. there being no further need of their services.

1 Wm. P. Young
2 Marsh. Hanks
3 A. C. Hilsan
4 A. L. McDaniel
5 L. C. Johnson
6 Ezekiel Owen
7 J. C. Oliver
8 Wm. H. Bowen
9 A. M. Bell
10 Wm. M. Ewalt
11 W. D. Nixon
12 Wm. Highsmith.
13 August Heinkler
14 A. H. Harrison
15 A. B. Lane.
16 L. B. Schmekel.

H. G. Hall
Capt Enrg Officer
Coty Ark.

Conscript Bureau Capt H. Hall
Marshall Tex 19. 1864

Custom House Office. Fort Leavenworth
Kansas Nov. 19. 1864

Hon Wm Walton Esq
Atty Gen
Atchison

Sir -

I enquire a certificate from the Sheriff of Colorado County in relation to the H. McDonald Jr. suit before I can transfer it to the Legal owners. Please obtain it to the following effect - That the Negro Boy Lanius been levied by Legal proceedings of the writ of Ft. Comm vs J. McDonald in the District Court of Colorado County, and Having been replevied by according to Law by said Comm by his Bond, and delivered by the Sheriff of Colorado County to said Comm who now has Legal possession and control of the same. The said Comm is entitled to use right in said Cotton formerly claimed by said McD. Macomb in having the permit originally granted to said McDonald for its exportation

Send it to me as early as you can -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt AQ

If Hon Walton is absent Hon Bates will take the necessary action in behalf -

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Boston Bureau Refugees & Freedmen Dec 19 1864

Maj. H. Tarbox Esq acst
La Grange

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst and made requisition, & inclosed find certificate for Rev H. G Hoadley for $ 919.00 and also one for 20 qrs for 15 bales cotton - also certificate for 20 qrs for Rev G. H. Fowler for 30 bales cotton -

There will be no difficulty in obtaining your vessel, only it take some little time to get it through the departments. I expect it now hourly every day

I am in hopes to be able to discharge my certificate of Capt Nat by the 21st of August -

I hope you will be able to be there and obtain from him the certificate, and to enable you to obtain possession of it without difficulty you can take him, if he will authorize me here to receive the money due him, new issue, I will forward on receipt of the certificate, and my official due bill given him for the amount in new issue -

Very Respy
your obt Svt
H. G. Hollis
Capt & a.a.g.

Carlton Brothers Keeps & Hats
Meridian, Miss. 19.11.04

Dear Sir -

Yours received & thanks. Regret very much that you have had trouble with your machine. Have only just received it from Mr. Bridges & will look into it at once. Will write you again as soon as I have had time to examine it thoroughly & ascertain the cause of trouble. Have only received a few letters since my return from Europe & am rather busy.

Glad to hear that you do not find it necessary to go to Mississippi. Should like very much to see you & will write you again as soon as I have had time to look into your machine & ascertain the cause of trouble. Have only received a few letters since my return from Europe & am rather busy.

I regret that you do not find time that suits you to call on me. I am sorry that I am not in the city at present. I am sorry that I am not in the city at present. I am sorry that I am not in the city at present.

Yours truly

One thing is certain - if Judge Gray does not allow us to pay our debts in our own way we must assume them or bear the responsibility of their remaining unpaid -

I would therefore like to say that we must pay the debts ourselves & give us a fair chance to do so. My feeling is to injure as little as possible, but I cannot help appreciating the difficulties in the way, & the prospect of incurring an immensity of trouble & expense without securing any results -

I thank you for the new issue - Like Clever I must say I am looking for more - The last received will only carry us up to Sept 1st - only -

The fact that carriers are compelled to bring back 1/2 load of Coal on their wagons after taking out permitted Cartage, is no drawback on permits - It has often been discussed here - It refers only to such freight as the Govt get on the Rio Grande how to offer - It does not compete for such goods nor in any way interfere with the proceeds of the Cotton carried out -

Mr. Ripley gives a quick account of your trials - There is a comfort in knowing that you are fairly equal to ordinary exertion - If improvement can be made even of these we will come out with flying colors yet -

Before what I can learn of the steering arrangements I fear difficulties will come in but shortly for a long time and the necessities of peace very much obtain -

Respectfully
Yours &c
Wm B Wells
Capt 3d

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell,
Supt Transportation
Lou.

Cotton Bureau Dept Farm Mills
Houston, Dec 19. 1864

Contract.

As requested in your favor of 5th inst I have made out Messrs Keene & Smoker Jr. as my own vouchers - Have written for signature as marked -

Keene & Smoker - Jr. Transportation acct. $95.24.00
" " Salary Mar 1 to 31 " 95.24.00
" " Rent Warehouse " 25.00.00

Yours respectfully
Chief Cotton Bureau

Also requesting Receipts for your Signature -
Please direct each Voucher by first conveyance -
I send to San Antonio for payment for 681 Bales Cotton for Messrs Smoker. also for 216 Bales which is the estimated amount that there are their now accounts of your Agents, for which I have made out Receipts therefor Signed & for the 216 Bales, but I believe it is better to await until the records is done -

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.C.S.

Colonel H. P. Bee
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport,
La.

Cotton Duncan, Kegel & Evans Sheets.
Houston Dec 20. 1864.

H. B. Stevens Esq Cpt
Galveston.

Dear

I have your favor of 9th inst. made contracts. I wish to meet you in the manner you propose. Am ready for making it up. Please render the following statement. — Viz. of Bales received & delivered — & of sales to be received & delivered. The latter amount should include all that you have a reasonable hope will be ready delivered to you. — I will pay your drafts for the expenses.

I enclose certified accounts for
C. G. Hardy & Bro $ 145.35
B. M. Rose 10 . 401.97

The deductions on the above I handed to Mr. F. Jones who presented your certificates. I suppose the certified accounts belong to the parties & should now be delivered to you.

Very respy
Yours &c
G. G. Hall
Comptr

$500.00 - in 1 yr 6% int notes

Washington, D.C. Dec 20. 1864

Received from Messrs K[illegible] Thro[illegible]
E. Ripley Fifty [illegible] hundred dollars in
1 yr 6% interest notes (in full payment of
Medicines Trade &c [illegible] by Cook
Concentrating [illegible] — which the un-
dersigned [illegible] responsible to Messrs K
Smith [illegible] from the 6.65% which I
may be able to [illegible] the interest notes produce,
which sum is due me [illegible] — Kmill
account to them for in our returns of this
receipt —

C. G. Wells.

$500.00 - in 1 yr 6% int notes

Received Washington, D.C. Dec 20. 1864 from Messrs Cook Smith & Co through E. Ripley, Esq. Five thousand dollars in 1 yr 6% int notes, on account of their indebtedness for articles furnished to them by Government amounting to $7,911.00 with the understanding that I am accountable by them for any excess over the sum of $7,000 — now more than may be produced from the interest notes, when they interest or principle — and will account to them for it on returns of this receipt —

Lt C. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Capt. Duncan, Capt Trans Mis.
Eagle Pass Dec 20 1856

Major A. H. Mackie U.S.
San Antonio.

Sir

I received my Requisitions for
[illegible] # 252 - 630 Bf C
253 - 286 "
the [illegible] I will [illegible] you [illegible] to the
[illegible] Quarter [illegible] commencement of the parties.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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Houston Dec 20 1845

Dear Sir

I have shipped you on board
days Travis 4 Bales Buffalo Buffaloes 1440 lbs
2 Bales Mountain Buffaloes 1000 lbs

Please forward receipt for same to this office
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Smith

Houston Dec 22 1845

N A Wiltz Esq Sir

I have shipped you on board the Texas
19 Bales Mixed Buffaloe Hides weighing 1900 lbs
5 Bales Black Bear 1000 lbs

Please forward receipt for same to this office
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Smith

Mouth Ore mil 1864

Lt. Wallace Esq
Asst Quarm Gl

I have shipped you on the
days Train from
Rail Road Town Point
2 Bales Blankets Rifle 250 pounds
also from
Old Point
2 Cases Rifle weighing 1165 pounds
Requested receipt for same to the office
Very Resp. Yr.

Mouth Ore mil 1864

A A Gill Esq
Asst Q M Gl

I have shipped you on the days
from 6 Cases Small Rifle 870 pounds
1 Bale Artic Clothing 360
8 Cases " 240 pounds
Requested receipt for same to the
office Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
U.S. Mail Rifle agent
Norfolk

Boston Dec 30 1864

Thomas Reynolds Esq Agt
Boalsa

Sir

I am in receipt of your two letters of the
[illegible] inst. Enclosed find Invoice
[illegible] shipped per Gen Nelson sailed
[illegible] per $1167.77 four Draws in Freeman and
[illegible] per $1095 for three bales cotton
I am in funds with
[illegible] pay my certificate of Sale
[illegible] later than the 31st of January
Please forward me the
[illegible] date and with funds to pay
their drafts, here when drawing please advise
[illegible] and how to draw and oblige
[illegible] Yours truly
[illegible] for self & Co
[illegible] Yours &c
[illegible]

Capt. Owens U. S. T. Co
Quartermaster's Office

Capt. [illegible]
Quartermaster

Your receipt of yours of the 19th with
abstract and note contents

I will pay you here for
[illegible] here in check at the rate of fifteen
& a half cents per mile for Oxen and 12½ cents per mile
for the draft of Horses & Mules the draft must state the number of
soldiers and females and distance travelled from whom
received and to whom delivered by or on route travelled -

I am now supplied with the
limited amount of new issue and am ready
to liquidate and pay off my subsistence to date
and later than 31st of August -

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
A. G. Hills
Capt & A.Q.M.

Hamilton Dec 24 1864

Maj. H. Day agt
Hempstead

I am in receipt of one of the U.S. mail
[illegible] note enclosed.

You can state to Mr Cannon
that I cannot make good to him the shortcomings
of mails he alleges he received from Mr Cannon
and refunded he returns the damaged packages.

This is required to enable
me to account for the quantity damaged.

When he returns to you
the remainder of the mails that he states are rotten,
you can in like manner notify me what part of that
originally furnished him by Mr Cannon make
good the quantity returned.

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Postm Burnt H. P. O.

Hamilton Dec 24, 1864

Lt. H. Fontaine Dy Agt
Lafayette

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst with enclosed
voucher. Enclosed find receipt of your Statement
for $100.00 and specifies Regt for $0 balance.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, Dec 21. 1864

Colonel -

Maj Ramstead has just informed me that some parties are in the habit of cutting out heads of Bales of Govt Cotton, found on the road between San Antonio & Brownsville, and removing in new heads with private marks, for the purpose of stealing it - A Mr Gould, a wagon master who has just returned, is the informant - I do not know which you can do in the premises, but write your thinking some remedy for the evil may suggest itself to you.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Lt Col E. P. Gray
San Antonio,
Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, Dec 21. 1864

A. M. Van Alstyne Esq
Courtney,

Sir -

I have paid the Malcolm Mc Alpin draft & due Bill, but have not yet received the certified account - I suppose you got him to sign it - Please send them to me by return mail -

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Dec 21. 1864

Genl -

I enclose A. McClung's application for furlough to enable him to introduce a spinning jenny & carding machine with the proceeds of this Cotton - I do not know the man, except that he is a soldier - has been in the service 3½ years - and has complied with our rules by turning over half his Cotton - I believe soldiers who have served so long are entitled to 60 days furlough - He applies for double the time in order that he may have leisure to complete his purpose -

I do not know that I do right to call on you for your assistance in this matter, but I feel almost sure that no attention will be paid to the applications at Hd Qrs unless presented by some one who can command attention - Knowing, however, that the General appreciates efforts to introduce machinery I send the applications.

Please return it through me, whether approved or not -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Memminger
Chf

Lt Col H. A Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 21. 1864.

Major A. S. Gabell AAG
Clinton,

Major,

I have your favor of 15th inst & note contents - From your explanation I see that you could not do otherwise than you have in reference to the Bale Exchange permits, but when I point wrote you I thought you could - It will be perfectly satisfactory as it is, as done at the last permit for 250 Bales reading Main Bayou -

Excuse me if in your discretion to facilitate matters as far as you could -

Very respy
Your obt servt
E. B. Kelly

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 21. 1864

Maj. A. A. G. Sibley U. S.
New Orleans,

Major,

I enclose my exemption No. 906 for Rugely - 6 BC - 3195 lbs - for which you have issued permit - The exemption immediately preceding this is numbered 695 in error - It is in name of E. B. Kelly - for 10 Bales his connection - I have noted it when forwarded, notwithstanding the informality -

Very respy
Your obt servt

Cotton Bureau
Houston Dec 22/64

Majr.

Upon favor of this date is acknowledged, I enclose a copy of Col Bibbs proposition with endorsement of Lt Col Hutchins endorsement which will more fully explain the status of this matter. Rules permit,

My understanding of the transaction is, that Col Bibb (representing Messrs Bellot des Minieres Amstg. (a Firm which existed only on paper) had made a Contract with the Govt "very disadvantageous to the Govt." which they has neither the means or the intention to carry out. They left the Contract however which the Govt was not able to comply with with the object of obtaining a denunciation this Claim for reclamation. This proposal very diplomatic settlement made in accordance with the indorsement of Lt Col Hutchins, which requires 1st That they can transport 1000 Bales to the Rio Grande. Retain one half with the agent of the Cotton Bureau there. & export the remaining half

2d Upon presenting to the agent the receipts of the U.S. Custom House that they have imported duplicates to the full amount of the 1000 Bales — he will

them permit the 500 Bales, deposited within
to pass out.

3d. That these goods are to be brought into
the interior & offered to the Government. for
purchase. & if the Government purchases the same
payment to be made in Unexempt Cotton. - If
the Govt declines to purchase. Then they may
be offered to private individuals. And the
Cotton acquired in this Sale or with proceeds of Sale
Coin with it its exemption. You will notice
when he has presented the Custom house Certificate of amt
of his imports, to extent of value of 1000 B/C. he then
has realized his export privilege which is gratuitous, &
his subsequent operations simply become subject to the
rules of the office.

You will further notice that there is a
restriction imposed upon me & further provision
for any action which may be made by Congress
touching the validity of this exemption.

I without any evidence before me - of the
extent to which the compliance has been made with
the terms of this agreement must withhold my
approval. & with the evidence before you. Ry to
submit this Statement & Copy of papers referred to
which will I trust enable you to ascertain

dow: for the right of Col Binks home
deceased to this.

I will further remark that
I am informed that Col Binks died in
Marion some month ago & even were he
entitled to the exemption (which I doubt
from the evidence before me) the question
would arise as to who would be entitled
to apply for and receive it in his behalf.

I am Very Obedy
Your Humble Servant
[illegible]

Jno. A. Mullen
Gentlemen

[illegible]

Marion Dec 22. 1864

Respectfully forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of War
for his information. I have made diligent enquiries
as to this case and have nothing to
add to the statements herein contained.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

Jno. A. Mullen
Gentlemen.

Cotton Bureau Receipt Branch Office
Houston, Dec 22. 1864

Major A. M. Miller
San Antonio.

Major -

I enclose Exemption No. 966 granted Celestine V Miller for 20 B/C - 9824 lbs -
Please return me your permit in exchange, as I have a settlement to make with the parties by me handling it to them.

Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau. Receipt Branch Office
Houston, Dec 22. 1864

G. G. Wood Esq Capt
Victoria

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst. Requesting me to disappointment & misrepresentation as to quality relied upon me to ship Short Cotton (1068 Bales) exclusively - I have a list before me of 844 Bales classed Fair & Low Middling - all upwards is Ordinary Cotton except 34 Bales - Please be correct in stating to Gen Short Cotton generally - I cannot exclude it to make room for Ordinary Shipments -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
L. G. Wells

Wallace Duncan, Esq. Treas Ills
Houston, Dec 22. 1862

C/ R. Lloyd Esq
Cold Spring

Dear -

I have your favor of 18th inst. & regret to learn to return the draft by Mr Hotze - I feared I was about that the amount due you when the Vessel processed the drafts, and did not expect to be called on so soon for the balance - I will try to pay it by middle of January however, and must ask your indulgence for a time - It is my first work to provide means of payment for all the claims on the Govt, as we have only until 1st March to close up - but I hope to be able to meet them all - Help me all you can by drawing in the Cotton as fast as possible, and it will make the payments to your Remittance also much easier to meet -

Yours respy
I. T. Pratt agt
C. C. Hecht
Capt & C

Camp Barracks, Capt Provo Mrs
Hamilton, Dec 22. 1864

Captain,

I have the honor to enclose list of detailed men, in obedience to Special Orders No —

If the Commanding General considers it necessary to order any of these men to their commands I trust you will give me generous notice in order to enable me to make other arrangements —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Yeilly
Capt & A.A.G.
Asst. Adj. Gen.
Reinf. Mil. Cos.
Raleigh

Capt Yeilly A.A.G.
Reinf. Mil. Cos.
Raleigh

Camp Barracks, Capt Prov Mrs,
Hamilton, Dec 22. 1864,

Major,

I enclose herein Requisition No 2040 upon the Surgeon Gen Medical Purveyor at Richmond for the articles required, as early as possible, at the settlement with Collector of Provisions upon Hatteras —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Yeilly
Capt & A.A.G.

Maj H. P. Baughan
Asst Surgeon C.S.A.
Raleigh,

Cotton Bureau, Dept / Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 22. 1862

Captain,

I am in receipt of your Telegram of 20th inst in regard to receipts of Bagging & Rope from Mr. Helm - As Mr Helm had received funds from this Bureau & Cotton that been shipped to him, to be expended in procuring Bagg & Rope Cotton Supplies, I naturally supposed that the shipments in question was part of the proceeds, & intended for use of this Office -

I had been previously furnishing Mr. Sampson with Bagging & Rope, as requested by Major Gen. Smith, continue to do so, even in excess of the amount received from Mr Helm, if necessary -

Very respy
Your ob't Servt
C. G. Hall
Capt & Asst. Qtr

Capt H. C. Slack
Chf Foreign Supply Office,
Houston,
Texas

Custom Bureau, Dept Laws Hilo
Honolulu, Dec 22. 1864

Col. J. H. McKinney
Auditor,

Sir,

I have yours of 16th Inst from Waianae. I note contents -

Col. Rutherford was directed some two months ago to cease gun boating, and it will be impossible to take the goods over after even at the low prices named - The recent Regulations prevent any further acquisitions of Coffee by this office, and it is not advisable to make debts we cannot pay -

It is already a doubtful matter to me whether we can pay our even the old & present debts. I will be agreeably surprised if we succeed in doing so - Hence you will have to buy there after market when the goods arrive.

If the Bagging & Rope arrives in time for use you can appropriate it, or as much as is needed, & be paid in Coffee.

Be under to get your permits before Feby 1st your said letter, & send me a statement of the Coffee you are sure of getting in March, & I will send up to San Pedro & receive them for you in time,

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Hall
Collector

Cotton Bureau D. F. W
Hamilton Dec 22nd 1864

J. W. Vedder Esq
Nashville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note contents. Enclosed find Cubbidge form b. W. Ward for $492.25 and Hamilton $1970 for Ten bales cotton.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Cotton, near Left Flank Rifle Pits
Dec 22 1864

Ben Stone Esq agt
Bonham

Sir

Enclosed find cubbidge. Hamilton $1970 for 7 Bales cotton

J. M. Bonham cubbidge for	3246	7	0
J. A. Shanks "	1078	2	0
W. Thomas "	1968	1	0
W. M. Williams "	1678	1	0

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Ter Miss
Houston, Dec 22. 1864.

General,

I had the honor on the 16th inst to apply to you for the detail of
Jno. S. H. Faison, Capt & A. A. G. Rodsons Co. Reserve Corps
Fayette Co.

Mr Faison has been the Agent for Fayette County, of this Office since its organization under Col Hutchins - and it is very necessary, that he should be allowed to remain in his present position until the business is completed. His removal at this time will result in great injury to the service, & I respectfully urge the granting of the detail -

He has been ordered to report to his Company, & much of my time will be wasted in receipt of the detail & other general any stoppage of the business in Fayette County.

Very respectfully
Your most
Obt Servt
C. G. Hall
Capt & Agt Cty

Genl S. B. Robertson
Commdg Reserve Corps -
Brenham, Texas

Captain Bowen, Asst Insp Gen's
Houston, Dec 29 1862

Captain,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, of your communication of 20th inst relative to the Staten of Va Regt. Stevens -

He was appointed Major of Brigade, by Genl Walcheim, upon the organization of the Cavalry Office and was retained by me when I took charge of the present Office - His duties are to receive & forward Cotton & distribute Bags & Rope under orders from this Office -

He is not reported on any Roll of details as I have been informed that he is 62 years of age & has remained at home on the organization.

Very Captain very respectfully
Your obt svt
Lt. G. Wells
Asst Insp Gen

Capt Wm H. Stedman A. A. A. Gen
Brownsville
Texas

Cotton Bureau A. & F. Rs
Hamilton Dec 22. 1864

J. H. Devereux
[illegible] Esq
[illegible] Esq
Special Agents
Brevet

[illegible] a receipt of yours of the 9th inst with the enclosures.

It is contrary to the rules of the office to make an exemption under either of the circulars unless specifically directed.

If Mr Sadler is still absent you will sign for him yourself the usual receipt form No 104 - Bird & Sanders may make out and send you the papers relative to the Sadler claim which if you can send them yourself, but do not otherwise without instructions from this office [illegible] a duplicate certificate -

If when your certificates [illegible] there is not sufficient time for the same to be sent direct to the parties for transmission for Negro Cotton permits, I will [illegible] and authorize of the Provost Marshal of the [illegible] of citizens of the exemption

It appears that some [illegible] Mr Sadler the cotton was [illegible] owing to peculiar circumstances [illegible] the amount limit [illegible] [illegible] To enable me to keep my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] receipt and send [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans
Yazoo Dec 22 1864

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Maj Genl W. T. Sherman Esq
Memphis

Dear

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst and note contents. I have only received sufficient new cloth as for your entire ofs of a date previous to Sept 1st. Your entire ofs is dated Sept 1st. I am not yet in funds to liquidate it. I am promised from the 1st inst this side of the river sufficient to meet all my indebtedness.

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
M. L. Wells
Capt Qr M Dept

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss Dept
Yazoo Dec 22. 1864

Lt. J. Hamilton Esq A.D.C.
Vicksburg

Dear

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst with memorandum of note contents. I do not know whether Capt Dunbar has authority to sign pass. Public moneys are not kept at this office. I would refer you that such was the case at all events.

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
M. L. Wells
Capt Qr M

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 23. 1864

Captain,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 12th inst - The different statements made by Mr Sampson myself are easily reconciled if you will refer to Judge Grays Telegram of Nov 11th addressed to Mr Sampson, jointly, in which he orders Mr Sampson to make shipments - Mr S therefore did not turn over any Cotton to me, but has conducted the whole business himself -

In relation to the Steamers named in your letter - Judge Gray telegraphed to Watchings & Co & myself on Nov 9th & sent modified instructions to Mr. Sorley authorizing us to ship Cotton on our account under the old construction of the Regulations, when Cotton was paid there for debts contracted prior to Dec. 1st 64 - Neither of Gov Cotton was shipped on these vessels -

Previous to the Sampsons' acceptance of the Treasury Agency I had provided Govt Cotton for the following vessels -

Barque Agricultural	for Bales -	Collector Shipp? District
" "Hope"	25	" Sorley's "
Sloop "Express"	do	" " "

I shipped the same to Mr Heiss for credit of the War Dept -

I understand that an enquiry has been made of Mr Sorley as to my right to ship Govt Cotton, and I desire to place myself right in the matter - I have not intended to refer to it at all and would not do so but for your letter - My position was about as follows: -

I was placed here to acquire Cotton for the special purpose of paying Cotton Purchasers' certified accounts -

had no instructions to ship Cotton under any circumstances, but when the new Regulations were received here I made every effort I could to ensure to Govt the benefit of half the freight usual on all vessels leaving port - I was disappointed in this object by receiving through Mr Helm, Coal Agent, a letter (from Richmond) giving Secretary Memminger's construction of the Regulations - The correspondence on the subject has already passed through Judge Gray's hands, & explained my position was understood & appreciated - Unfortunately I found I was considered on all sides for failing to ship Cotton on Govt account - I availed of every opportunity to ship Cotton that presented itself and succeeded in getting forward per Mr Helm, the following lots:- Schr 'Lelia' 87 Bales -

" 'Stag' 90 "

" 'Josephine' 40 " Total 100 Bales

1 other lot named on 'joint' gauge 120 "

making in all 285 Bales shipped for account of the Govt Dept - Coal Merchants had previously sent forward 26 Bales per Schr 'Marguerite' - Since Mr Simpson has been acting I have shipped no Cotton, nor have I received any Govt Cotton in any way - the rules governing this are this letter to you -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Asst Qr Mr

Capt H. C. Black
Chief N. S. Office,
Richmond Va

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 28. 1864

I hereby certify that I have delivered to Messrs Wm. B. Dewey & Co. One Hundred and Fifteen Bales Cotton, marks and weights as stated below, in payment of Army Supplies imported and sold by them to Lt. Col. W. D. Matthews, C.S.A., for the use of the Confederate States Government - which Cotton they have loaded on board the Steamship "Maria" as a portion of her cargo on owners' account - viz:

C	16	Bales	8005 pounds
WD	23	"	11272 "
E	49	"	23853 "
161	27	"	12909 "
			"

Total 115 Bales 56039 pounds

C. G. Hall
Capt. Trans. Dept.

To James Dewey Esq
Collector Port of Galveston.

Baltimore Bureau Sept 5th Trans Dept
Hamden Dec 23 1864

W. H. White Esq agt
Andersons

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. Enclosed
find an Express Receipt for many Blankets for 139 Men and
shoulder straps for 16 Lieuts which

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
Jo. G. Wells
Lieut & A.C.S.

Baltimore Bureau Sept 5th Trans Dept
Hamden Dec 23 1864

Mr. A. M. Smith
Eagle Hotel
Madison

Enclosed please find receipt of Express for
for Blankets and shoulder straps for 16 Lieuts

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
Jo. G. Wells
Lieut & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau D. S. T. W.
Houston Dec 23. 1864

Genl H. N. Fouch
Lieut Major A. A. Hollie
San Antonio

Sir

At request of Mr McClalahan agent at Parkers Bluff I enclose you Requisition No 980 in his favor for 7 Bales cotton - Your endorsement has been made to Mr McClalahan -

Very Resp
Your Obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau D. S. T. W.
Houston Dec 23. 1864

J. H. McClanahan Esq Agt
Parkers Bluff -

Sir

Enclosed find Requisition for 7 Bales cotton for $1792.00 The Requisition No 980 for 7 Bales cotton has been approved by Genl Fouch at San Antonio and Major Hollie -

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau D. of H. 494
Cotton seeds &c. 1864

Mr Wells Esq

Mr Brooks Esq agt
Richmond

Sir

At request of J. H. Wilson Esq agt at Bunn Tenn I enclose
your Gov. bill on exhibited at from Memphis. The fee $ 0.25¢
and Hempstein No 9th for 16 bales cotton.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept State
Houston Dec 22 1864

Maj. A. P. Wells
San Antonio

Dear

Enclosed please find Requisition No 708 from Genl S. Tullis for 362 lbs and I have sent Requisition as requested to Major Wells to obtain his permit and when the permit is rec'd will send it to you.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept State Texas
Houston Dec 22. 1864

Genl A. Allen Engr Dept
Houston

Dear Sir

I have rec'd receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note contents. Enclosed find Requisition from Genl S. Tullis for 362 lbs and I have sent Requisition as requested to Major Wells to obtain his permit and when the permit is rec'd will send it to you.

I will when the factories are built forward my Requisitions and obtain Engineer Permits.

I requested Mr Bailey come this way and see you the shipping and make your requisition for 50 Bales and he writes me that he has forwarded it to you.

Very Respt
Your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau &c. &c.
Hamilton Dec 22 1864

D. H. Craig Esq agt
Hard Springs

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst forwarded your certificate of exemption for 18 bales cotton. based on a statement given by you that the amount as used on the Plantation - Yesterday Judge Mabry of Hamilton presented your request and application. I received and in the hurry of business I had made out a similar certificate of exemption for the same cotton and delivered them to him. Personally - so that there have been issued in this favor two Certificates of exemption for the same lot of cotton - Judge Mabry will have this morning for home -

If you have not delivered the papers sent you on the 20th inst please do not do so but return them to me - If you have delivered them please at once see Judge Mabry and obtain from him and cancel one of the certificates and forward to me for cancellation -

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
L. Q. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Wm Van Benson, Capt & Mrs
Baltimore, Dec 24. 1864

J. H. McLanahan Esqr Gk
Perkins & Co's Mill

Dear Sir,

I have your favors of 6th & 12th 7th 11th & 21st inst. & note contents — I arranged Mr Bryans papers so that he will have no trouble.

I am glad to note your acceptance of the Agency for Lexington & Madison Counties, and approve your selection of Capt Black as Sub Agent. You will please give him such instructions as will enable him to collect the duties as rapidly as possible — The Commissioner writes me that he will have over Thirty Bales & Bagging & Rope & Capt Black, at once —

I have [illegible] Genl Parrish's exemption to Lon Carbonia, as requested —

I note the delivery of 2 of 3 Bales Cotton to Mr Zacharie — But am sorry to see that the Planters are so slow in making deliveries — If you know that you could depend upon the parties I can send your certificates in time to get their permits but this will be unsafe unless you are sure that you will get the Cotton and feel safe in assuming the responsibility yourself —

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. E. Hall
Capt &c

"Cotton Bureau, Rec'd from this
Hamilton, Nov 24. 1864

J. J. Hackett Esq
Hackelay

Sir.

I have your favor of 21st inst, enclosing copy of your detail - I cannot see that anything can be done with it as the Govt has no Cotton to Hand except what is already arranged for - Your detail approved Nov 26th but I has never been received - I cannot apply for it as I have no application for any that would warrant it

Respectfully
Your ob't Serv't
C. G. Memminger
Sec'y of War

Cotton Bureau Right Bank Rio,
Houston, Dec 24. 1864

L. H. Fletcher Esq
Millican Texas,

Sir,

I have your favor of Dec 18th & make contents — I now enclose the Exception (your B.A. Osgood) for Eight Bales Cotton, approved by Col. Mathews, You can now use it by presenting it to Major Stelle at San Antonio & obtaining his permit in exchange —

In settlement of the 70 Bls Cotton delivered by Wheat & Fletcher at Laredo, I enclose duplicate receipted account for signature — also Col Mathews certificate of value — I sold the as it was a transaction under the old Cotton Office & has to be settled under the old plan —

Sign the account Wheat & Fletcher & return them to me —

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Groce
Cotton

Cotton Bureau, Capt. H. Miles
Houston, Dec 26. 1864.

Major.

I have your favors of 17th inst & make contents & enclosures —

Mr. Campbell is mistaken about my circular — It referred only to such of Col. Nicholson's Exemptions as were still outstanding — The reasons the reports are certificates of value and no provision has yet been made for their payment —

(Very respy)
Your obt svt
E. G. Wall
Capt & C

Major H. Hicks
Asst Q. M.
Houston

Cotton Bureau Capt J. Miles
Houston Dec 26. 1864

Maj J. Thrasher
Asst Q M
Houston

Major

I have yesterday rec'd 11th inst enclosing copy of Col Nicholson's Certificate of value given in favor of Fred Lauter for $1200 CS — No provision has been made for taking up these certificates. In my circular I referred only to the outstanding Exemptions — The present Congress may take some action on the case — But can do nothing with the certificate until Congress does provide for it —

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. G. Wall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 26. 1864

Major -

I am only to day in receipt of yours of 16th inst - too late, I presume to complete the payment to Mr. Isaacs —

My opinion is clear on the point that Genl Broadwell meant old issue in his order - At the time the order was given Capts Barnett & Bright were authorized to offer 25 ℔ in new or 37½ ℔ in old issue & the Broadwell would not have made an exception in favor of Genl Isaacs or any other party -

If you will oblige me by paying for the 800 Bales in old issue & take vouchers for me, I will receipt to you for the funds - and get receipts from Capts Barnett for the property -

Please send me your Receipts for the amount of Lt Cook Smith's vouchers mailed to you some days ago by order of Genl T.

Broadwell,

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Yelly
Capt & A.A.G.

Major Chas Russell
San Antonio,
Texas

Quarter Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston Dec 26. 1864

Major,

I have your favor of 18th inst. - The mails unfortunately have been very irregular lately and I regret that the matter should have been delaying coming to me as it may prevent the payment to Isaacs of old currency -

I write you another letter as Mr Isaacs may want to see it - I will say here that we have old issue in plenty - & the new we have comparatively none - Rather than allow Isaacs suggestions the receipt of the old issue beyond 1st Jany when it will be received to anyone who cannot be obliged to take it, I would pay him at the rate of 50% & thus save a future discussion of the new issue - It is a mere question of expediency which you can decide probably better than myself - I would advise the payment in old issue now even if you do not this demand -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Vitell
Capt & A

Maj Chas Russell Jr
San Antonio,
Texas.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Dec 26. 1864.

Capt. J. T. Black,
Centreville, Leon Co.

Sir

I have your favor of 19th Inst and note contents. No new purchases can be made by you - but all persons who have made contracts with Government will be expected to comply with them. If they will not do so, please send me a list of them giving names, residence, and whole amount of Cotton owned by them. I think the Govt will not have its claim on the Cotton -

My general instructions have been to ship Cotton to San Antonio - but I understand that orders have been issued to discontinue shipments for the present - Please write to Maj. R. M. Jones at Waco and get specific instructions in regard to shipments -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Kelly
Capt & C

Boston March 30 1861

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th & note its contents. Previous to this office we had the honor to draw this explanation and forwarding the Requisition of the Secretary of War for the purpose of procuring the Services of your Regiment & the same was duly forwarded to Washington. In the case of your Regiment the Requisition was made upon the Governor of this State & the Governor has not yet made the call upon me. I would be pleased to receive your views as to the propriety of the Governor making the call upon me for your Regiment. You can confer with and forward the resolutions to him by mail, or you can meet him or me and I will obtain the Requisition for you.

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Adjt Gen

Boston Bureau of
Education Dec 1864

Please find my certificate of examination
for [illegible] B. M. Wheeler for 20 Ballantines
" " " L. L. Hague " 23 " "
" " " E. M. Robinson " 7 " "

Please examine these examinations
carefully and mail them to me.

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Examr for 2 Dist

L. G. Wells will also find Certificate in No 7 from R. L.
Hoffman for 7 balls - which please issue your permit
for and send to me

L G Wells

Letter Bureau Dept of Texas
Galveston Dec 2nd 1864

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Capt Hedgcoxe
Land Agent

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst with enclosures and note contents.

Enclosed find all blank applications for pasture for Jno. Hague for 1476 acres and for Henry W. Robinson for 1920 acres I have forwarded their exemptions No 978 for six dollars and 97 for sixty cents. also exemption papers for Thos Williams No 508 to Maj Wallis for his permits are required. When the permits are received will mail them to you.

Very Resply
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Letter Bureau Dept of Texas
Galveston Dec 2nd 1864

Capt Hedgcoxe
Land Agent
Galveston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. Enclosed find Enclosed find from A. Archibald application for 1280 acres and exemption No 976 for 6 dollars and 40 cts

Very Resply
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston. Dec 27. 1864

Maj Gen.

I enclose Lieut Broadnells' Exemptions
Do as to Bailey 16 B/C.
" Rabalais 99. } Total 210 B/C
" do 96. }

to secure a credit Lieut O'Broadnells' letter of Nov 5th, directing this disposition to allow them to be issued.

I have resisted all attempts to apply these to Cotton but I believe it equitable to allow the owner to export Cotton from Louisiana with them and he is making preparations to do so. I enclose to secure the Govt in this I send them to you endorsed and approved because I believe it might under the circumstances to facilitate the matter provided he makes good the promise we have made that the Cotton shall be brought from Ka. I propose to hold the permits in my own hands however until the Cotton is secured into the interior of Texas.

Please divide the permits into small amounts say 50.19 - 50.45 - 16. Have in name of E. Cortinas - for part of Brownsville, & return same to me at your earliest convenience,

Very respy
Your obt
C. C. Wilkes
Capt C

Maj Gen T. H. Green
San Antonio,
Texas.

Collins Bureau & Co
Hamilton Dec 27 1864

Mr Geo Eggert
Georgetown

Dear Sir

Please send me 8 lb weight for the quantity of wheat ordered you are forwarded the 20 Monday past - I have been in the habit of getting my flour for some time and have received the same but not receiving the quantity of bran I expected from each -

Aug	31	Jno H Carter	10	Bushels
"	26	J. H. Jones	08	"
Sept	1	H. B. Smith	07	"
"	1	A. P. Tallman	00	"
"	2	A. H. Coleman	04	"
"	2	A. Randall	00	"
"	3	J. A. Sanders	20	"
"	3	J. H. Duffy	12	"

Please give this matter your immediate attention -

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Caledonia Co

Cotton Bureau A. & M.
Houston Dec 27. 1864

Ben Stones Esq agt
Brenham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst and note contents. If the bagging and rope you expect as on the 18th was purchased by you, you will make application on the party from whom you are going to receive it and send it to me for the same purpose.

Very Resp
yr Obt Svt
O. H. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau A. & M.
Houston Dec 27. 1864

A. J. Loak Esq agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst and note contents. Bagging and rope has already been sent Mr Gill at East Bernard to obtain.

If he shall call for it you will please deliver it and Invoice the same as directed. Local errors as the one complained of are occasioned by the Local agents neglecting to put down in their circulars that the R & B alley purchase.

Very Respy
yr Obt Svt
O. H. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Dec 27. 1864

A. H. Jaison Esq Agt
La Grange.

Dear,

I have my own papers of 22nd & 24th inst. made out-
-tents. & now enclose in settlement of Cotton Agts
acct. Expenditure Dr. 2 Bbl - 4 Bg C - 1 Bg Tc -
Receipts " 22 - Freight account $ 268.48
" 44 Duties 4 Bg C 260.48-
please have the two vouchers signed & return them
to me.

I enclose also Cert of Exemptions,

[illegible] Leonard 2 Bbl - $ 238.52
Chas Sommers 5 " 210.02
Paul Sandhouse 25 " 1820.99

I shall give you $10 m received from Cotton by
you.

Yrs. the favor to close the Cotton acct now
& send it to me by mail - I will pay the
draft in your favor whenever the gentlemen
is - Use the Quartes who hold my certificates
to deposit it to prevent them from collec-
tion -

Yours respy
[illegible]
G. C. Wells
Agt. A C

Cotton Bureau Treas Dept Trans Mail 212

Houston, Dec 28, 1864

Capt. H. Smichael
San Antonio -

Dear.

I have your favor of 22nd inst with enclosure
I have noted also my Cpt's Receipt for 95 Bls Cotton
delivered by King & Co.

I send you receipt for $21.000 (paid Mitchell
Walker) for 12 M rec'd from hands of Garay & Ponce
Please advise me when it comes to hand -

Very respy
your obt
C. C. Hall
Cashr

Cotton Bureau Treas Dept Trans Mail
Houston Dec 28. 1864

Capt H. H. Mitchell
San Antonio,

Dear Sir -

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 26th inst enclosing 52 Blank Permits
for which I thank you - I will see those only
upon it is the desire to obtain permits from you,
I will observe your instructions in so and report
to - If Com. wishes to send me of the additions
please do so - The more I have the better I will
be pleased to preserve the credit of the concern and
prevent disappointment -

Very respy
Mabel

Cotton Bureau, Receipt Grass Fibers
Houston. Texas 28. 1864

T. A. Crooke Esq. Q.C.
Memphis Tenn

Sir,

I have arrangements of 24 & 26 lbs to and make
application
for the classification of the S. A. Harvey Cotton

Good Ordinary	1 Bale	460 lbs
Low Middling	11 "	4.990 "
Middling	13 "	5.940 "
Total	25 "	11.390 lbs

Please issue same certificate accordingly & send it to me.

We have complaints that this Rope (of 6 lbs per Bale) will not hold out. That it took 2 lbs per Bale like is unnecessarily short of Rope for this cotton. Please issue Yours enough Rope to supply the natural deficiency. An over certificate please also the extra quantity of Bagging & Rope delivered to him as it must be deducted from this certificate next. I will send you this shortly (as this request) we shall on receiving your certificate.

Yours respectfully
J. Nott, Cot
J. C. Greer
Employé

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Captain Bunce U. S. N.
Havana Dec 29. 1864

Fodine Esq Agt
Pensacola

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst and will do all I can to get you a permit to go to the wrecks on Key West but cannot give you a positive answer about it as you may desire.

When your application was made I was not in favor of granting permits for wrecking but as I have since been instructed to grant them I will do so. Should you succeed in getting a permit before the Steamer leaves you can send me a list of the men you may take with you and I will note out the vessel you go in and have them specified in the permit. Should you not get a permit before the steamer leaves I can hold the permit under the Flag of Truce.

Enclosed please find account of Wm Jones for 20 Bales cotton I have paid the amount as per Wm Jones receipt. Wm Jones delivered 20 bales weighing 9630 lbs (10) Bales (Four) hundred and seventy pounds less 2% for tare

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. S. Bunce
Acting Asst Q. M. Gen

Boston Decem 9. 1864
Hamilton Dec 22. 1864

Major Gen Butler
Lieutenant

Sir

Enclosed please find examination
of 997 Rebel Prisoners for exchange
997 " " " " "
997 " " " " "
1001 " " " " "

Please send your family
our blank questions and send the answers me.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
B. F. Butler
Major Gen & Com

Boston Decem 9 1864
Hamilton Dec 22. 1864

Lt E. Bailey Dep Agt
Exchange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22 inst and note contents.

Enclosed please find oath signed after form & by Alexander for 997 Rebel Prisoners from John's Island S.C. I have as requested sent their descriptions to Major Butler to be exchanged for this parole.

The oaths for 997 Rebels
have not been forwarded, should accompany this
Office as you and them for exchange.

I will mail to day the
Rolls your request.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
B. F. Butler

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Galveston Bureau 2 of
Houston dec 26 1864

H. W. Maund Esq
Jasper

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22 inst and note contents. You state you can get the cotton you refer to 38 Bales, hauled at the rate of one dollar three per hundred. If so you are authorized to pay it and can draw on me for the amt. Let your draft state distance hauled. No weight of bales. from where and to where hauled and amount due.

very Respy
your Obt Svt
H. G. Wells
Supt Treas

Cotton Bureau & 217
Houston Dec 29. 1864

John H. Harris Esq
Treas't Home

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22d & enclosures and have contents—

I mailed to you on the 20th ults the affidavit regarding the bale fee per cotton accompanied by the necessary endorsement

Cotton Bureau Asst Treas'y
Houston Nov 30. 1864

Respectfully refer to Major R. H. Wells at San Antonio with the request that Mr. Balfe per be furnished with an exemption permit for one bale cotton. I find upon examination of book Entries Books that the statements in the affidavit are true as far as the records show. The exemptions were

Rec	246	Nov 27 64	J. F. Balfe per	20 Bales	4304 lbs
"	247	" "	J. H. Harris	4 "	1774 "
"	248	" "	J. E. Martin	6 "	3200 "
"	275	" 25 "			

The practice seems to accord the number of pounds to bale and I understand that this enumeration is equal to the cut price. Under the circumstances Mr. Balfe per should not have been deprived of the right to export the cotton, and it is now our duty to repair this wrong by giving him an opportunity to export one Bale of Cotton.

(signed) H. G. Wells
Asst Treas'y
Actg Ch'f—

Of the witness you enquire about I have read the affidavit endorsed in name of the following parties. Lt R. Rep—Lt Brevenere—Wm Barnett—Jos A. Wolfolk & Robt Mills—but not the original. The originals are filed in this office I suppose

also I see issue the certificates asked and am in funds to pay those issued by you prior to September 1st

Your certificate from A Jaimes was assigned to H Richardson of the Galveston News and the amt due on it has been paid him - Certificates ask have also been issued from J. T Beckemeyer for 2 bales @ 30 yds -

No certificate has ever been rec'd here in name of A S Haynes -

If you send the original of these certificates not asked am by me has been issue on by Mr of Isabell -

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
to. G. Fiske
Isabella Texas

Cotton Bureau D. S. N.
Houston Sept 29 1864

W. A. Rogers Esq
Chappell Hill

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. Enclosed please find certificate of ins in your favor for 262 & and certificate for 200 for five bales cotton.

very truly
yr obt Svt
L. G. Hills
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept & Miss
Houston Dec 29. 1864

Col.

I have your favors of 14th & 15th Inst & have communicated to Maj Russell for the Receipts as previously directed by you & expect to receive it soon.

I had informed Capt Shanafelt that he could use gratuitously, get the exemptions he asked for - & will write him your decisions -

I note what you say about shipments - It is quite impracticable to do anything in this way during the Judge Gray's late order which says explicitly that only the Treasury Agent shall ship Govt. Cotton -

I have not received a left handed condemnation from him because I shipped Cotton for Govt. before Mr Thompson got to work - the rest of the matter is I made those shipments because the said they should & I made them because I could afford to do so By trying to please him I meet with a just reward -

I had notified Mr Heller, at Havana, that I desired to draw against proceeds of Cotton I sent him, but as I notice the drawers are altogether & per the whole proceeds will go to the Treasury -

If however Judge Gray will allow me to dispose of Cotton as you direct something may be done to avoid the Cotton jurisdiction question - If he will not, I would respectfully suggest that I can do not more than the order you refer to. It would make the shipping of Cotton very much more complicated, hedged in and tied up than ever -

My Brothers are both now at Matamoras

[illegible] contracts & the letter as far as we can -
[illegible] that the Houston Proprietors have made
to go projects on the coast danger is, but where
other ladies during same time are considered the
result is that the foreign trade via Matamoros
is more practicable - Apart from this consid-
-eration is the fact that Genl. Hatchins induced im-
-portations of such supplies as the army then needed
most, and which we could not do without, and his
promises should be made good as far as possible -
It is a melancholy fact, but it is true that the reluct-
-ance this credit met a greater number discouragements
to enterprises than all the other casualty the Govt
had to offer - During the pressing necessity of
last spring I procured this credit procured relief -
and it is due to them, privately, to preserve it un-
-impaired if we can - I would feel much
gratified if we can close the Brown matter act
to promises & contracts propelled to the letter -
I think we shall get Secure Judge Grays' co-operation
to enable us to do it - If he refuses we will do so
because the measures our debts, I think N.Y.
Ballenger's letter germane to the alternative as inevitable

From your position you can have the power to
order me and I must obey at all Hazards,
but I trust you will consider the above
before you decide to make the order - I shall
even if have Cotton for a new Matamoros contract
though Kenedy &Co are a strong drag upon me - If
we had the right to continue forwarders I could
procure 2000 or 3000 Bales more, but I am
afraid to trench the [illegible]

I fear that King & Co will be about 1000 Bales short
even after Mitchell delivers the 650 Bales, and I make
good the Cotton I had generously drawn from the
Counties assigned to them — Capt. Mitchell has
given them 98 Bales as a beginning — Will you please
instruct him to continue deliveries out of any Cottons
he may receive, whether appropriated or not? You
will know whether you can do this & will be guided
by your own information — As it is to make good
Cotton that I appropriated (shipped) which had been
previously promised to King & Co, it would legally
work no hardship to parties who may be tempo-
rarily disappointed — In regard to the
1000 Bales which will be short in any event please
let me know your capabilities to deliver — They
will receive it at Waco if you can effect it there.
If it is impossible for you to do so, can you not
do it in effect? If you can determine soon I
would be glad to know in time to go to work
on other arrangements for paying them — I do not
know that I can do so much if you have not the
power I must make the effort — I would prefer
that they had a employment than not enough, as the
hands remaining in England would belong to the
Govt. I am available for anything we may
possibly leave unpaid —

I notice the request to get Black makes at
Galveston — I do not think I will have any
Cotton to spare for the purpose — You will
discover by another general order that we
does not contemplate anything further as

none present use of than Kept Cotton for Insuring
Prompt[illegible] - the Loan to be returned out of the
Cotton in Kind, & in the country - She does not
suggest that we shall take the tonnage the cannon
pill, & draw against the proceeds in payment
of our own debts - If your proposition to ship
as based upon this letter it is impracticable -
Please see if you do not regard it so -

I enclose copy of letter from Maj Baughn
speaking of Col Benavides interference in the crossing
of Cotton in charge of the Bureau - You understand
the position of the McKinney Cotton - Also that some
parties who run the gauntlet somehow write all their
Cotton as far as the Rio Grande are there brought
to reason & made to disgorge half - In all such
cases Major Baughn's written or spoken word ought
to be as good as Major Miller's - It is now reported
to Capt Hunt. Cotton on the bank quite near on a
Peninsula - I think Col. Slaughter will see
the point - but to prevent further reference and
delay, please ask Col. Smith to issue an order
authorizing Capt Hunt & Major Baughn to cross
Cotton on their own certificates - Everybody
knows they are worthy of our trust that can be
employed & those, and it is time to them that
they should be untrammelled -

Very respy
Yours &c
[illegible]
Capt A.C.

Lt Col H.A. Shroadmeil
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Hanstaw Dec 29. 1862

Second Cent.

I suppose you think I owe a long time selling your Buggy — the truth is that Major Ramsay has his whole force at work on timber wheels for ordnance transportation & it is very problematical that the Buggy is still unfinished — Mr Babcock having lost his horses pressed by the Rebs finds it not convenient to buy it, and I may have to look for another purchaser — I will not a word price for it, however, when it reaches Hanstaw —

I am glad your visit to Richmond is indefinitely postponed, and think I will have plenty of time to close up — I will do so as speedily as possible for I am anxious to wash our hands of the whole business and try something that is not so wearing — If you feel the same disinclination for it that I do, the end of it all will be a thanking relief to you —

I see that Capt Pollard is very zealous in the discharge of his new duties — I should respect that & his fraternal appreciation of our difficulties would create a glorious feeling in this Bureau that would subdue his sympathies and make us all in his own proclivities — I already sympathize with him more & more in the principal of the troubles which are already beginning to environ the Treasury Dept, from our Confederate friends who are crowding through there.

Yours truly

Col [illegible]

W. E. Smith

Cotton Bureau, Capt J. Ives
Houston, Dec 29. 1864

Agent.

Inclose my examinations

No 1002	Sundries Negroes	513 Bales	2999 lbs
" 926	do	65 "	33.267 "
" 114	Horses Mares	4 "	2.249 "

Please retain my examinations, in same name, for proof of Innocence.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Gitchell
Capt & C

Majr. A. M. Stiles
San Antonio,
Texas.

Cotton Bureau Capt J. Ives Chief
Houston, Dec 29. 1864

Capt.

I am just in receipt of your communication in reply to my application for a permit for cotton. The decision as it is not in my province to grant permits except for Cotton del. to Govt. I return only for a like purpose.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Gitchell
Capt & C

Capt. R. Thompkins,
Matagorda,
Texas

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Dec 29. 1864

Major,

I enclose a copy of my letter of [illegible] & call your attention to the enclosures as stated in the same.

I understand Mr Burness has been at Rio Grande City, & Maj Baughn now writes me to send him the exemptions.

Did my letter reach you? It has been so long since it was written that I fear it has miscarried — If, however, you received it please send the enclosures to Major Baughn with the request that he will attend to them for me.

Respectfully
Your ob't serv't
C. C. Wells
Capt & A.C.

Major H. L. Hubbell &c
Columbus Miss

P.S. There seems still to be a misunderstanding in regard to Ball Mackenzie & Co's Cotton — I have forwarded to you Permits for 328 Bales Cotton — Both Putnam & Mackenzie wish them that you have such permits for sale of 328 Bales — Please send the last Permit forwarded & receive the difficulty,

Respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt & A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Dec 29. 1864 -

Maj: H. P. Baughn Com'd.
Rio Grande City

Major

I have your favors of 15th Inst & make contents - Inclosures - I have enclosed Invoice & Receipts 44 B/C, Please sign receipt to & return them to me -

I have forwarded your letter (a copy) on the Commissioner subject to Col Broadnax, & applied for him to receive an order that will make your written or spoken word law on the point of receiving cotton - I am of the opinion that Col Broadnax will have accepted the matter even before your letter reached me -

On Nov 16th I forwarded to Maj A.S. Gabell as Inclosure, as per inclosed Copy of letter, the Exemption from Mr Invoices - also told you to write to him - I have not written to Maj Gabell to forward Invoice to you in case he has not already done so

I now begin to be a strange fatality attending communications through that source - Maj Gabell is very prompt to act upon papers that reach him, but I have not heard of this letter since it left me -

Very respy your obt
Lt. E. Hall
Capt. &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Dec 20. 1865

Col. J. H. McKinney
Austin.

Sir

I have your favor of 27th inst and note contents. I trust Mr. Bustamente will secure enough Cotton to pay his claim, and all the assistance you can give it will be fully appreciated. I leave the matter in your hands relying upon you to carry it out properly & successfully.

Very respy
Your ob't Servt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Dec 30. 1865

F. D. Cooke Esq Cpt
Newspaperd,

Sir

I have your favor of 23d inst covering acct &c in settlement of which I now enclose vouchers for your signature - Please return them signed -

1 62 - Invoice accounts $852.45
1 " - Sales of Cotton 59.93

I have forwarded the exemptions for the G.V.&C.R.R. to San Antonio & will mail the permit to you as soon as received,

Very respy
Your ob't Servt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Dec 30. 1864

C. J. Greenwood Esq
Courtney, Grimes Co

Sir

I enclose Maj Willis permit in your favor dated Dec 24'64 - No. 1497, 24 Bales - 13.143 lbs, issued in lieu of my application mailed to Grimes some days since at your request. Please acknowledge receipt of same.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Captain

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Dec 30. 1864

Major H. H. Willis,
San Antonio.

Major,

I have given parties of 26th & 27th inst. following permits for Moore & Smaken 97 Bales & J. C. Greenwood 24 Bales - for which I have accepted my thanks - I expect to have to trouble you in the same way frequently as parties generally request me to obtain permits for them.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Captain

Baton Rouge La
December 20. 1844

Engaged
Employed

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th ult & submit
the following details.

Your dispatches of the 6th &
subsequent to it is not forthcoming will need
no further reply from me.

I have given Mr. Nancy an order
for the £20 as requested.

The rule of furnishing a
party & the safe is the late will not always work.
When the safe we furnish is this heavy chunky article
a case fixed sometimes to case, it is not sufficient
only the cost and duty to give the party the amt actually
required. When the safe furnished is made of the light
description that is necessary.

You are the proper party
to judge of the amount required.

Very Respt
Your Ob.t
Lo. L. Wells
Capt Ord

Cotton Bureau No 3
Houston Dec 20, 1864

Col Jno Sullivan
Quartermaster
Galveston Texas

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst and note contents. By the rules of this Bureau when cotton is sold the Govt claims one third and the remaining two thirds are paid. When the cotton delivered is in the seed, there are five single schedule rates, and deduct from the amount due the party the price of the Bagging and rope furnished him, at the rate of 60 cts per yard and 3 pounds.

Very Respt
your obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Supt Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston Texas Dec 20. 1864

Lt. W. Tenison Esq Jr
Aid de Camp

Sir

I have just received your Circular Instructions in regard to cotton details - As long as the application must be made through Capt. Rourke - I do not see any difficulty in procuring the details - I have been keeping an account of every employee that I have ever had under my jurisdiction and to expend details more

Very respy
your obt svt
E. G. Wells
Supt

Vancouver, Dec 30. 1854

Major.

Capt Davis has named to me your
kind offer of a position in your Department -
I should feel and appreciate deeply the
honor and your confidence which prompted the
offer and under ordinary circumstances I should
gladly engage with you - but I expect to be called
upon to fulfil as soon as I am relieved
from the Boundary Bureau - I expect
to be constantly employed for months to
come in closing up the Boundary business, and
I do not feel at liberty to make any engage-
ments for the future until I do myself the
pleasure to call on my return from Victoria -
Besides it has been already intimated to me
from Washington that I would be needed in
the same connection when often I finish
there -

Repeating my assurance of gratefull
appreciation of your kindness,

I remain Major,
Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
U.S. Grant
Capt

Major W. H. H. Haynes 9th
Steilacoom, W.T.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston Dec 30. 1864

Captain,

I have the honor to request the detail

of Pierce H. Faison, of your Company,
His services are required at agent of this Bureau
for Fayette County. He has been acting in
this capacity since the organization of the Office
in November last under Lieut Ratchford, and
was taken up by me in the reorganization in
June last — In the press of other duties
I failed to apply for a renewal of his detail, or
to report him as required by Genl Regulations,
Recommending Renewal. But I should regret to
lose his further services on account of any
inadvertance. For the 2nd time I
apply for a detail for the detail,
but am now informed that the application must
be made to and through you. I trust
it will receive your favorable attention, as
his services are invaluable to the Dept in
the position he has filled so well for a
year past — Please endorse to
Inspector to me for duty.

Very respectfully
your obt
G. W. Yerby
Capt & Asst Agt

Capt D. H. Rodman
Commdg District G Miss
Col Grange
Inspector B
Dept

Boston Bureau D. S. P.O.
December 20. 1864

[illegible]

[illegible] weight of [illegible] of the 2nd inst with [illegible] and statements

Enclosed find certificate of [illegible] for [illegible] Dollars [illegible]

[illegible] Mail " 10 " " [illegible]
[illegible] Money " [illegible] " " [illegible]

[illegible] certificate for [illegible] for $1924.76 to [illegible] Dollars expended

[illegible] in favor of those [illegible] to [illegible] for his payments [illegible] and will send [illegible] Dollars to [illegible] and [illegible] Dollars to you.

I have sent you the Receipt [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Hall
Postmaster

Cotton Bureau D. S. No
Houston Dec 30. 1864

Capt Haidsty
Laredo

Sir

Enclosed please find certified account in your favor for $795.00 I have noticed your absence to Brownsville for 10 bales cotton each to Major Willis at San Antonio to obtain his permit to export and also received mail for you.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
C. L. Wells
Cotton Agt

L. F. Taylor
Esq
Laredo

Cotton Bureau D. S. No
Houston Dec 30. 1864

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C. L. Wells
Cotton Agt

Custom House, Receiver's Office
Galveston, Dec 30. 1864

J. H. Cunningham Esq Collr
Port Sullivan

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st inst & note contents Vessels — & cargoes cleared

Sch. J. H. Ferguson	1 bale,	$ 381.60
J. Ferguson & Bro.	15 "	1.987.60
H. Hildreth	4 "	305.40

Also Exemptions for Hildreth — The other exemptions I have sent to San Antonio as requested by you —

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Hall
Coll'r

Custom House, Receiver's Office
Galveston, Dec 31. 1864

Major A. H. Hillie, A. A. G.
San Antonio.

Major,

I have your favor of 26th inst in regard to A. C. Bostick, and as requested return to you my Exemption No. 1027. this favor — for $5.000 — endorsed with the request that you will issue permit as same for 15 Bales —

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Hall
Coll'r

Statement of Cotton Pc between J.D Waters and the Cotton Bureau.

Exemplain gone May 10th 1864 for ..... 237 Bales avg 106.6

Cotton passing at Houston as above q/a

July ... wk ... Lot ... 93 Bales ... avg		45 840 lbs	
August ... 1, ... " ... 30 ... " ...		14 730	
... " ... 13. " ... " ... 32 ... " ...		16 135	
... " ... 22. " ... " ... 30 ... " ...		15 125	
Decbr ... 29 ... " ... 29 ... " ...		13 515	
Total 214 Bales avg 105.245 lbs	.. 214 ...	...	105.

Rec'd at J.D Waters ..... 23 Bales — ... 130

Houston Dec'r 31st 1864 Rec'd ... 1305 pounds.

Classification of the above 214 Bales received at Houston

Superior	89 Bales avg	44 420 lbs	
Ordinary	68 ... " ...	40 660 ... " ...	
Good Ordinary ...	17 ... " ...	7 945 ... " ...	
Low Middling ...	9 ... " ...	3 960 ... " ...	
Middling	15 ... " ...	6 565 ... " ...	
Good Middling ...	1 ... " ...	475 ... " ...	
Total 214 Bls	avg	105 845 lbs	

H R Percy
Com'l Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Dec 31. 1864

F. H. Cunningham Esq. Agt.
Port Sullivan,

Sir

I have your favor of 26th last & am trying to get on the track of the Higgs & Lamie Cotton spoken of but into Yankee's hands, and will leave it if it can be found — It is still Govt. Cotton, & the Higgs nor any one else had any right to sell it — as the certificates will point out to this government easily.

I do not like to say so officially, but if they [illegible] will write to the J. R. Higgs at Montreal [illegible] and demand from them & Patrick Higgs [illegible] — In the meantime [illegible] desires to get themselves into trouble [illegible] carefully watching both parties we can [illegible] Hanging & Rope — but if the above [illegible] can on the District Attorney [illegible] organization against them — He is [illegible] if [illegible] the above [illegible] I give it up [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] Agent [illegible] will carefully [illegible] He would like [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very respy
Your obt
G. E. Upchurch
Capt A & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss.
Hamilton, Dec 31. 1864.

Colo. J. Hammell C.S.A
Hillsboro.

Sir,

I am informed that Mr. A.R. Higgs has sold & delivered to A: Graham of Hillsboro the 26 Bales of Govt. Cotton at Mr. Hamiltons near Carrollville - Please call on Mr. Graham & secure the Cotton - If he refuses to give it up please call on the Post Q. Mr. - or Commissioner of the Post if there is one - & then have this Cotton sent the nearest forces we have will take it in possession -

If Graham has sold or shipped the Cotton please get some information & send same to those of ours who get in if it can be found.

The Cotton was in Higgs possession until last Friday. Having been purchased & Govt money - He then turned it over to Govt Authorities - and Lieut. H. delivered it to me - I send you it some receipts now. I am just informed that it has been sold & delivered to Graham who has removed it - How Mr. Higgs is guilty of a serious misdemeanor, & ought at once, be any penalty who sold the Cotton after receiving this information. Your attention to this matter is earnestly requested.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. E. Wall
Capt & Asst Q. Mr.

Central Bureau Ch of I In Affrs
Hamilton Bldg Dec. 15th

Capt S. A. McClellan
Assisting Officer Augusta Ga
Via Orange -

Capt -

I have the honor to request the detail of
Asst Surg. Thomas Spalding Jr. Eyes Grey -
Hair Light - Complexion Fair - Residence,
Augusta Ga -
to serve as transportation for King Kennedy & Co,
Contractors -

Please order him to report to me forthwith -

I am for the authority of King Kennedy & Co
to employ such transportation as commanded by
Special Orders No. 280 - Dept Ad Gen's
Office Dec 14th - As there is now no Funeral
Conveyance for Northern Visitors & under
the appropriation direct to you - You will
be accommodated in making the detail under
Genl Orders No! - Asst Surg Spalding is
hereby ordered
for duty
G. G. Steele
Capt A I G

Galveston Bureau R. F. &c
Houston Decbr 30. 1865

Maj. E. H. Wells
San Antonio
Texas

Enclosed please find my Requisitions
for [illegible]
[illegible]
Please send me your prompt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. M. Gregg
Bvt Brig Genl

Galveston Bureau R. F. &c
December 30th 1865

Bvt Brig Genl E. M. Gregg
Chief of Transportation
Galveston Texas

Sir

I have the honor to request that I may be allowed to purchase 30 mule teams for the use of this Bureau

I have made an estimate for 26 mule teams for the Bureau at this place and 4 for the Subdistrict at Brenham

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
E. M. Wells
Bvt Lt Col & A.A.G.

Freedmen Bureau A. & M.
Houston Dec 21. 1864

Lt. Col. Barrett
Comdg

Lieut

Enclosed please find Descriptive Rolls and applications
of Mrs. Jackson for rations for herself & five children
& Mrs. Anderson for rations for herself & three children
Please give the necessary orders
for their rations as the circumstances of the case
warrant & oblige Mrs Wells's friends

Very Respy
your obt Servt
E. G. Wells
Capt A. A. G.

Freedmen Bureau A. & M.
Houston Dec 21. 1864

Lt. Col. Barrett Comdg &c
Galveston

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Very Respy
your obt Servt
E. G. Wells
Capt A. A. G.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Hamilton Dec 31. 1864

Genl.

I enclose copy of letter from Agent J. H. Cunningham, relative affairs Mr A. R. Higgs notes in connexion. You will recollect that the claim of Col Hotchkiss last year on July 25th application — One of the Rebel leaders prosecution against 26 Bales of Mr Harris's cotton Carrollville in Richardson County — Upon application to Mr Harris some weeks since it was discovered that Higgs had sold the Cotton — Higgs owns the claim to Col Hotchkiss cotton now — I believe a copy of the letter has been sent to you —

I am now in search of the Cotton reported with the prosecution of it — Higgs had no right to deal, & the Government has no title to it.

I have instructed Mr Cunningham to get track the Cotton & keep Government Claim on it until proceedings are instituted & some final disposition —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Maj Genl N. P. Banks
Comdg Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Dec 31 1864

Capt H. C. Phillips
Canville

Sir —

Any delivery of Cotton you decine to make to Govt, must be made to the local Agent D. S. Wells at Montgomery — The Bureau is not receiving Cotton now except under contracts made previous to Oct 24th last — If you had made a contract, verbal or written, must of Wells can can now complete it.

Very respy
your obt Svt
H. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau D. S. M
Houston Dec 26 1864

B. F. Norvell Esq
Schofield Mill

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the — inst — Enclosed please find certificate of sale you gave for $382.50 and Pennsylvania R.R. 1034 for eight (8) bales Cotton —

Very Respy
your obt Svt
H. G. Wells
Cotton Agt Mo

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tn. Miss.
Houston, Dec 21. 1864

A. S. Vedder Esq Cpt
Navasota,

Dear,

I have your favors of 20th. 26th & 29th inst Contents - Enclosures -

Your certificate for 3 Bls Cotton in name of Wm. Buchanan has never come to hand - Have you it? It had better be sent in in time -

The Bagging & Rope to Commander seems to be mislaid - but we have sent in receipt for it got - I suppose it had not arrived when he last sent me receipts -

I have 40 Bdls from you & per Bdg Lading - I enclose you a account for Bagg & Rope costs - $1100 - In all future Bills please compare & these charges for the sake of uniformity - Make up your Cotton Charges account & send it down - I would prefer you to take Cotton in payment as usual - You could then collect for both bills at once -

Mr. Buckley wants to deliver Bale C, but cannot get it ginned in time - If you choose to take the responsibility of receiving your certificate & sending it to me, I will obtain this & you must hold it until the completes the delivery -

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Hall
Capt. &

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston Jany 2. 1865

John Ridgely Esq
Canry. Matagorda Co.

Sir,

I enclose Major Hillis' permit, dated Dec 31st - 1st 1864 - in your favor for 6 B/C, weighing 2695 lbs - issued by him in lieu of any Expenditure, & forwarded at your request - Please acknowledge receipt -

Mr. Stanley has not yet returned - I will send you his certificate for $1000 receipt as soon as he arrives & sign it -

Very respy
Your obt
G. E. Hills

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, Jany 2. 1865

Geo. D. Alford Esq Jr
Brenham Washington Co.

Sir

I enclose Major Hillis permit dated Dec 31st 1864. 1st 1865 - name of Geo. D. Sullis - for 4 B/C, weighing 1602 lbs - issued by him in lieu of any Exp - enclosed - Please acknowledge receipt - thank you

Same to Mr Sullis -

Very respy
Your obt
G. E. Hills

Capt Bunce, Capt In Chief
Hamilton Bermuda 2. 1865

Lt R. Cunningham R.E
Hamilton Bermuda

Sir

I enclose Major Hillier's permit dated Bermuda 1st Inst. = for 6 Officers, viz 3 Ladies &c. which by him in lieu of my Requisition for same at your request.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Your obedient
Servant
G. C. Hall
Capt R.E.

Captain Bunce Capt. In Chief.
Hamilton Bermuda 2. 1865.

Sir.

I have the honor of to be to request permission for 3 Ladies &c. - for which I have given

Your obedient
Servant
G. C. Hall
Capt R.E.

Major Lieut Russell R.E.
Asst Quartermr.
Bermuda.

Headquarters Camp near Mier

Capt H.D. Lee
Brownsville

Captain

I have the honor to report
as to days train for

S. H. Elmore San Augustine
1 Bale Sundries Bagging 260 Yds.
4 Coil Cotton Rope 349 Pounds
1 Package Tinder

Ft

H. A. Maund Jasper
1 Bale Sundries Bagging 30 Yds
1 Coil Cotton Rope 119 Pounds

Ft

D. N. Wingate
2 Coil Rope 200 Pounds

Above forwarded by first Ft Quartermaster

Owen Rayburn Fallon
Capt & A.Q.M.
Texas Cavalry

Capt H.D. Lee
Brownsville

D. N. Wingate Esq

Sir

I have the honor to report as to days
train, one flat with Ox Team
& Bale Cotton Rope missing

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Texas Customs Office
Houston January 2nd 1845

S. H. Blount Esq
San Augustine.

Sir

I have this day shipped on
board Brig Mary 440 Lbs
1 Bale India Bagging 360 Yards
7 Coils Cotton Rope 749 Yards
1 Package Twine 13 "
agreeing bills of lading & you by first opportunity
You will please forward your receipt for same to this office
Wm. R. Hill

Texas Customs Office
Houston January 2nd 1845.

H. H. Bland Esq
Jasper.

Sir

I have this day shipped on
board Brig Mary 440 Lbs
by first opportunity
1 pc India Bagging 30 Yards
Cotton Rope 119 Yards
You will please forward your receipt for same to this
office
Wm. R. Hill

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss.
Houston, Jany 2. 1865

Messrs Stewart & Sally & Co.
Jampies,

Gent.

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of 28th Dec with enclosures - the contents have my attention.

I regret to hear of the loss you sustained "Hope" but do not exactly understand the expression in your letter to Mr Helm - "we shall have the cargo re "ceive carefully examined and send you in due course "a certificate of the quantity still remaining for a/c of "whom, also a note of same when delivered off" -

If you mean by this that the Govt is to make the whole loss I cannot ask the Cotton which actually leaves the wharf. I respectfully beg leave to differ with you - The principles of General Average are but to obtain Values rule does when exception is the case of Shipping - I trust you have made the arrangements with due justice to both parties as their rights and the circumstances of the loss demanded it - and that I have misinterpreted the clause in your letter of Dec 27th to Mr Helm -

I learn today, that the Str "Hope" has been lightered from near Matagorda - a total loss as vessel & Cargo -

I remain Gent. Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
G. T. Sewell
Cotton Agent
Texas

Cotton Bureau S. 235
Houston Jany 2. 1864

Major A. J. Hills
San Antonio

Major

Enclosed please find exemplification
of Lt Sandwich Jany 25th 1864 for 10 Bales 5265 pounds.
Please issue your permit

and mail to me

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dist Texas
Houston Jany 2 1864

Lt. A. White Engr
Anderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ult and note contents. Enclosed please find certificate of Lt Sandwich for 262 lbs. I have sent his exemplification for 10 Bls to Major Hill & to be exchanged for his permit. As expected will have cotton called for by John Dickerson, certificate & exemplification from Jas Brown

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau D. F. No. 56
Tuscaloosa Jany 2 1864

W. W. Johns Esq agt
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 31st ult and note contents. Enclosed find certificate of Ryan $632.00 and requisition No 1036 for 15 Bales cotton.

Send me description and I will endeavour to obtain his of James Nettle and I will endeavour to obtain his debails. It seems he has heretofore never been detailed

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. J. Wells
Supt 1st & 2d Dist

Cotton Bureau 1st Dist
Tuscaloosa Jany 2 1864

L. J. Wells Esq agt
Tuscaloosa

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult and note contents. The cafe you request will be sent you.

The following are the articles you desire

2nd	1	=	450
[illegible]	9	=	2030
1st	6	=	2400
Total	16		6480

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. J. Wells
Supt 1st & 2d Dist

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 8. 1865

A. H. P. Conneder Esq.
Mexia,

Dear.

I have your favors of 13th inst & note contents. If I have injured you by my action I regret it sincerely, since as I had been informed by more than one person that you were acting as Agent for private parties in the purchase of Cotton I could not do otherwise than I did.

I now enclose Voucher for your services - $267.85
" for freight — 50.00

Bale payable in Cotton at Schedule prices - Ordy 37c. Gd Ordy 37½. Low Mdlg 10½. Mdlg 12c Good Mdlg 15c. Select enquire Cotton to pay proceeds the above amounts - send Orders each as regards Bales & classification to me & I will send you the exemption scales -

I also send voucher for freight - $367.90 payable in same issue - This amount you can draw for - as right -

Please sign all the enclosed vouchers & send them to me -

One here 00 I send you $275.00 old issue in payment of the Mexia Cotton - together with a voucher for signature - Please endorse it to me, signed.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Hall
Capt A.Q.

of Mr. Hall Commissioner
requests an endorsement
on the enclosed Voucher
the Cotton also mentioned above, which we forward send to -

Cotton Bureau D. S. W.
Houston Jany 3 1864

T. W. Stone Esq agt
Navasota

Sir

I am in receipt of Yours of the 26th & 28th ults and note contents.

When you are satisfied Prairie well delivers their cotton under the rules of of the Bureau as soon as they are supplied with Bagging and Rope, You can in such cases take the responsibility and issue in their favor your certificate of receipt in advance of actual delivery. I will on such of your certificates issue my exemption and have it exchanged for Maj Hale's permit and send the permit to you. You can hold it until the cotton is actually delivered to you. This is the best I can do for those who can not have their cotton ready in time.

In this matter you must of course act at your discretion and exercise a sound discretion in the affairs

I will send your more bagging and rope in a few days.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
W. D. Wells
Cap. & A. Q. M.

Cotton Bureau D. T. Dept
Vicksburg Jany 3. 1865

Capt Wm F Learie
A. A. G. Banks Dept

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29 ult and make as directed. Both Col McKinney and King the have many [illegible] authority to employ citizens in the transportation of cotton. Their authority is direct from Genl E. Kirby Smith In regard to the 16 men you refer to. If Mr Lubbock agt of King the needs them. It would be perfectly clear to let him have them as they are already detailed to him. Col McKinney and Messrs King too must hereafter apply direct for the details they need.

Very respy
yr obt Svt
L. L. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas January 2nd 1865.

Captain B —

Sir this Bureau to request that a Board of Survey be appointed to examine and report the condition of (75) Seventy-Five Bales (more or less) of damaged Cotton Packings stored in this City at Motes Cotton Baling Press. — said packings being the damaged portion of Cotton received from Louisiana — for account of this C.S. Bur!

The Press men report the Packings as not worth the expense of Baling

Respectfully requesting your immediate attention

I have the honor to be Captain
Your most obt svt
G. G. Wells
Captain & A.C.S.

Captain S.H. Dare
A.A.G. Genl

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Dawson, Jany 6 1866

Henry Hale Esqr Cy
Alleytown

Dear Sir,

I have been shown your Sale Letter to Mr Hale in which you say that all the Cotton you will collect in Colorado County will be consumed in payment of freight — I write now to say that no more Cotton must be sold for any purpose until King & Leo. & Hopkins & Rappert are paid for the Bags & Rope delivered by them —

Any orders I may have given to sell Cotton are hereby revoked — I will urge Capt Hutchins to provide money for the freights you will be called upon to pay —

You will ship all the Cotton you receive in payment as above pointed, as previously directed,

Very respectfully
Your obt
C. C. Yeall
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau A.A.G.
Houston Jany 3. 1865

Lt. H. Fairau Eng agt
Lagrange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st ults with enclosures and note contents—

Enclosed find certified abst & Exemptions
of J. H. Hedge certified abs for 1 sold & Exemption No 1037 for 11 Bls
" " " " 245 " " " 1038 " 7 "
" " " " 1090 54 " " 1039 " 9 "

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Lt. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau D.S.M.
Houston Jany 3. 1865

A. Lo. Baker Esq
Chappell Hill

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 2nd inst
Enclosed find Receipts abs and Exemptions
Receipts of J. G. Hunt 1 1779 M — Exemption No 1041 for 5 Bales Cotton
" " A. Baker 1 1342 — " " 1042 " 5 — "

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Cotton Agt D.S.M.

3 annuls

Cotton Bureau D. T. W
Houston Jany 4. 1865

B. S Davis Esq agt
Cold Springs

Sir

I have rec'd maj Willis permits from O. W. Wheeler
J. W. Robinson & W. S. Hague and had the same subject
to your order as that of the parties to whom they belong.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau D. T. W
Houston Jany 4. 1864

B. H. Fairan Esq agt
La Grange

Sir

Enclosed please find certificates
J. S. Fowler. Sept 3d for $90.22
L. O. Fellows " 13 " 455.94
J. H. Wyffe " 3d " 473.48

Please when you collect the certificates have the bagging & ropes receipts enclosed therein signed by the parties and returned to me. & have no receipts from those parties.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Bureau No. 10
Hamilton Ferry No. 264

C. & A. R. Railway Co.
Bradley

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst and note contents. I will be required by Mr. Bird to furnish my identification in order for me to get Mr. Bird to endorse my checks in favor of the Railway to be discharged for his services.

You are different from the other Railway Companies in that you require papers, which are required to be issued in no instance. And I did not wish duplicates of the same to be issued in any instance.

I therefore obtain from Mr. Taylor the certificate from the Chief of Police that I will also obtain from the Board of Supervisors.

I trust in the delay in obtaining the papers you can inform me whether you are satisfied the practice would be better when supplied with RR. tickets, as in your certificate in advance of delivery — I will in such case have the ~~tickets~~ [illegible] of Police and Supervisors filled out and the same mailed to you & the station is not already delivered.

You will be forced to act promptly in this matter as I cannot obtain the papers before the 1st of May next.

Very truly
Yours &c
A. H. Wells
Supt R. R. Bureau

Barracks Quincy Ill
January 1st 1864

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Capt J. J. McClelland
Enrolling officer Fayette County

Sir

You are hereby required to enroll the name of Wm. H. Walker of Lyes. Height five feet nine inches. Blue eyes. Light hair. Fair complexion. Occupation farmer and enrolled in Fayette County.

The services of this party are important to this office for the transportation of government clothing.

Please acknowledge receipt of this assignment by mail.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
Lt. J. McClel
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Quincy Ill. Nov 1st 1864

Sir

I have shipped you to day 75 Million Cartridges
& Said Ship weighing 887 lbs
Please find Receipt for the same
Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Cotton Bureau D.S.D
Houston Jany 4. 186. 266

Lt. F. H. Sutton
San Augustine

Lt. S. A. Miller agent of this office at Crockett advises me that he issued and delivered to you his certificate of receipt for a lot of cotton sold by Lt. Sutton to the gent.

By our rules the certificate of the agent is delivered to the party on the delivery of the cotton and on its reception here I issue the exemption and certificate for the amt due.

In your last bale case I issued twice the exemption in advance of delivery, consequently Lt. S. A. Miller should have found the certificate here and not delivered it to you.

The certificate forms my voucher for granting the exemption, and I request you mail it to me as early as convenient.

When the certificate is received here I will issue the certificate for the amount due you in currency, and will pay the certificate here to any party whom you will authorize to receive for you and receive the money.

Very Resp
yr obt Svt
Ja H. Wells
Collector 2nd

Loudon Bureau of [illegible] 2487
Houston Jany 4 1865

[illegible] Marshal
[illegible] of Executive Service State of Texas

Sir

I have the honor to request the discharge of Boyd Easthouse- 25 yrs- 6 ft- blue eyes- black hair- dark complexion, occupation merchant- native Virginia and enrolled in Walker County- The services of Mr Boyd Easthouse in this office for the transportation of [illegible] has been examined before the board of surgeons for the 3d Congressional district of Texas and they are satisfied will be incompetent to perform military duty by reason of permanent disability of left foot caused by fall from a horse- but find him able to perform light duty in the capacity of messenger in Loudon Bureau-

Please order him to report to me for assignment to duty-

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A Q M
and Supt Loudon Bureau

Cotton Bureau Dept In Rlds
Houston, Jany 4. 1865-

Majr Genl H.G. Gabell USA
Galveston

Majr

I have your favor of 28th Decr with enclosure and hand you receipts of 22 B/Cotton as requested -

I have not already forwarded the two permits for 250 B/C. (Ball M & Co) & bale do do - they have been from Brownsville to Dec 26th & it had not been received,

Very respy
your obdt
G. E. Hall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept Inn. Rlds.
Houston Jany 4. 1865-

Majr Genl H. Heath U.S.
San Antonio.

Majr.

I forward you papers of 29th & 30th Decr with enclosures - I have enclosed Exemptions for 1865 Jany to 31st Decr, to Dec 5000 lbs
" " " 10 " 5001 "
" " " 10 " 5000 "
" " " 10 " 5000 "
for which please send me your permits & oblige
Brownsville, morning the two latter for steamer Parker Cook -

Very respy your obdt
G. E. Hall

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Nees
Houston January 4. 1865

No. Halston Esq Gt
Alleytown.

Dear

I have your favors of Dec 26th & 2d Inst & note contents. I now enclose the Permit from McDonald - for 109 Bales - endorsed to W. B. Scott & Co, as Agents of H. Garnier -
I Would nothing of the merits of either party more than I can do -

Very respy & obt
G. G. Shell
Cashr

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Nees
Houston Jany 4. 1865.

Rowe Harrison Esq Gen. Agt.
San Antonio.

Dear

I have your favor of Dec 29th with enclosures, for which thanks - I now enclose Invoices to correspond - 109 Bales & 35 Bales -
Please send me Cert ags Ky Heller proceeds to come, as early as you can - I have demand daily calls for them.

Very respy & obt
G. G. Shell
Cashr

Collector Bureau Kept In Miss
Hamilton, Jany 4. 1865

Feld Moore & Esq
Eagle Hare,

Sir

By request of Mr. S. E. Gaske I send your
Acc a/c & Exemption in your favor. G. G. H.C.
3 & 2 Pl

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Hill
Coll &c

Collector Bureau, Kept In Miss.
Hamilton Jany 4. 1865

Major A. H. Hillis U.S.
San Antonio.

Sir

I enclose my Exemptions,
No. 8006 - Issued - Santa Fanny. 3 Bales. 1608 lbs
1611 - " " H. H. Pollard 2 " 980 "
for which please send me permits for same
amount - for Brownsville.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Hill
Coll &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept V. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Tamp H. 1865

To R. H. Leigh
Richmond

Sir,

I have your favor of 8th inst, with enclosure, from hand for cert of 18 B/C, $1,957.42 — I divide the Exemptions as you desire,

Cert No.	1052	8 B/C	2.052 lbs
"	1053	10 "	4.281 "

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Miss
Houston Tamp 5. 1865

Lt. H. Dana Brig &c
Richmond

Sir.

I have your favor of 2nd inst with enclosure & have duly issued Cert of Exemption & Notation for 1,749 lbs. I have dealt by Sam Cottons for the quantity requested — & enclose also list of amount granted to Genl Peters for 95 M. Bales — duty for 1865 to advance —

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Casa Blanca Sept 2nd 1865
Houston Texas Aug 4. 1865

I have the honor to request the
release of
Private John A. Perry - of Grimes County,
for service in this Bureau as teamster -
I enclose copy of his certificate of
disability, containing this discharge
date -
Please order him to report to me
for duty -

(Very respy)
Yr obt svt
C. T. Hall
Capt Vet Corps
Asst Q.M.

Col. R. D. Hunter,
Chf Com Stn Freedmen Dept.
Reach,
Texas

through
Capt D. L. Lonsa,
Receiving Officer - Harris Co.

No 3. Certificate of Disability.

I John A. Perry aged 31 years, 5 feet 8 inches high. blue eyes, Light hair, fair complexion, by occupation a farmer, a native of Louisiana, having filed with me an affidavit before competent authority that he is physically unable to perform Military duty do hereby this 4th day of January 1865, examined the said John A. Perry, and find him incompetent to perform Military duty in the Field, for the following reasons, viz:-

Phthisis Pulmonalis

that he is unfit to perform Staff duty in the capacity of Teamster in Col. Duncan's

M.C.K. Johnston
(Signed) Asst. Surgeon
E. St. Cook,
Examining Surgeon
St. Landry Dist. Louisiana

A true Copy,
Lieut. & A.A.A. Genl.
Natchitoches
Louisiana.

Certified Copy of the
original on file
in this office.
Natchitoches Jany 4. 1865

A true Copy
Lt. Col. Chief
& Asst Adjt Genl
Cleary. City.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cotton Bureau Dept for Miss
Houston Jany 5. 1865

R. J. Todd Esq &c
Savannah.

Dear
I have your favor of 6th inst. & note contents. I
now enclose vouchers for your signature - Jay
6th 64 - Charges on B-65 & Rope $60.85
" " Cotton 205.96 $ 266.80
" " Sales & Dyc - 3 pcs Cs - 40. 39.21
Bal in your debt 60.90

Expenditure on B. & Dyc. your part -
Copies of the papers & vouchers there to are

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Cotton Bureau D. S. No
Hamilton Jany 6. 1865

Jas. H. Gordon Esq agt
Corinth

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst. enclosing
Jno Bird's receipt for $300.00 and Jas
F Bird's $239.00 I have no regard for money but
different forms of these papers & will have to be
exchanged for his family.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
La G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau D. S. No
Hamilton Jany 6. 1865

A. J. Gordon Esq agt
Corinth

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 2nd inst and note contents
viz Jno Bird's receipt for $300.00 and Jas
F Bird's $239.00 I have forwarded the exemplification of
these papers to Maj Wells to be exchanged for his family.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
La G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

P.S. Yours enclosing statement of D & R distributed
by you is also at hand. In the statement you enclosed
to your Agency and city Re-ports please advise me what
you mean by this ?

La G. W

Cotton Bureau D. S. A.
Houston January 5. 1864

B. G. Wells Esq Asst
Secretary

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult and note contents. Enclosed find certificate of foreign Cotton Bonds No 1 to No 18 Dollars $109 00. I have found the remittances from these parties to Maj Wells to be exchanged for bonds per mail.

Enclosed I return your statement of cotton By Col Bankhead from Red River for 1863 bales with letter from you under which is known as the 20 per cent tax. I have no jurisdiction over the matter and I am under you as assistance.

Very Respy
your Obt
B. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau D. S. A.
Houston Dec 5. 1864

Sir

I received from Maj Wells your [illegible]
[illegible] 4 bales of Cotton 5000 pounds
[illegible] 5000
Please make [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Miss
Hdqrs, Jany 5. 1865

B. G. [illegible] Engr Chf
Vicksburg,

Gen.

In settlement of your services as per
accounts rendered I am directed & now enclose for
your signature the following vouchers viz;
No 12. Cleaned out Cotton $ 401.60
" " Sales of Cotton 401.52 —
Sent in Bills Postage &c &c —
I enclose also one Receipt in favor of
Jas J Roche which please — I have no funds
to pay it now. When will have done I
[illegible] You can hold it until you come
down —

The above authorizes you to procure for
the Bales Cotton — I have sent the requisitions
forward to Maj Wolfe Provost Marshal
you write for, you will get once or write
for them —

Sign the [illegible] duplicate R. C. Hoar
Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wolfe
Capt &c

Boston Bureau of Engineering
January 5. 1864

Boston Bureau Kept in Mass
Boston January 5. 1865

Chief Engineer
Boston

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Water Registrar and Superintendent of Water Distribution for the year ending December 31st 1864

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servt
E. S. Wheeler
Engineer

Chief Engineer
Boston.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Water Registrar and Superintendent of Water Distribution for the year ending December 31st 1864 and am very respectfully Your obedient Servt

Henry C. Russell
Engineer

Cotton Bureau Office
Boulder Dam

Rio Grande City.

Agent,

I have your favor of 22nd Inst. covering Above receipts for 38 Bales rec'd under McKinney contract -

I now send you transfer papers for same, representing 40 Bales rec'd by you from Milton Brown Rio 1st - Please sign receipts and return same to me -

The receipt you gave to Milton & Brown should have only called for 560 lbs Cotton Seed which was in accordance with their Bill Lading - On enquiry I found that you had not taken any service weights on shipments - Consequently I got Mr Milton to sign them knowing that there to one - this will enable you to account for the 12 Bales - 560 lbs - & allow you to receipt to me for the whole 40 Bales - I have paid them for the whole lot & am therefore accountable for it -

I prefer to pass invoices & Receipts with you, as it enables me to keep my Cotton papers in same compact - I do not know who will eventually receipt for the Cotton - Have you any idea?

Yours respectfully
J. T. Abbott
U. S. Agent
Cotton Dist

Cotton Bureau D. T. N.
Houston Jany 5. 1864

Capt A. H. Wells
San Antonio

Sir

Please find enclosed the following exemptions which please exchange for ye permits and when exchanged mail the permits to me.

1033	Dec 21	Farmers & Mercs	for	20	Bales	10422	lbs
987	Nov 19	"	Mary Hunt	11	"	5342	"
980	Dec 23	"	"	16	"	10300	"
949	Nov 19	"	Jd. White	7	"	3402	"
948	" "	"	"	6	"	2728	"
986	Dec 23	"	L. Radford	6	"	2800	"
921	Nov 30	"	Wm Saunders	10	"	5702	"
965	" 21	"	Jno Redmon	9	"	5000	"
1075	Jany 5	"	W. P. Stracener	12	"	6000	"
1076	" "	"	R. L. Barnes	7	"	3150	"
1077	" "	"	"	7	"	3150	"
1078	" "	"	"	6	"	2700	"

Mrs Mary Hunt requests and the two exemptions on her farm, three permits, one for three bales and the other two for twelve bales each.

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Co. Ag. & Insp

Extract

Richmond. Jany 6. 1865

Capt C. E. Wells
Waxahachie

Dear Sir

* * * * *

The Grand Jury for this County is in session and the Judge (Smith) charged them as their sworn duty to bring in true Bills against all in any way connected with the Cotton Bureau - That if any one were promised to get a certificate for any one from the Bureau for cotton they were proper parties for indictment and if they failed to indict them they did not do their duty - that if they would bring in true bills that he could get hold of them, he would put a stop to such work &c.

This A M. I sent the Grand Jury the appeal of Col Hutchins to Governor of all the operations of the Bureau and asked their careful and attentive perusal.

Yours Truly
(Sgd) H. A. Faber

A true Copy
C. E. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Respectfully referred to Lt. Col. Broadnell as indicative of the probity of the Judge alluded to - His efforts in Colorado County produced the indictment of Asst Provost Marshal Baldwin & Baldwin - He failed in Wharton & Fayette Counties, but will succeed in Travis Hood & Austin Counties probably. I prove himself beyond a doubt an enemy to his country of the deepest die

C. E. Wells Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau Dept Tn Miss
Hamilton Tenn 6. 1865

Capt -

I enclose an order which was handed to Maj J. C. Thomas at the time it was written - reporting back H. W. Brennie for 30 days - I learn that Brennie is still traveling on his original papers - I write this to notify you that he is no longer on duty with this office, nor has he been since the date of the enclosed order - In justice to Maj Thomas I state that I heard him order Brennie to be sent to camp at the time -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. C. Hall
Capt A.D.

To
Capt P. A. Barzoza
Executing Officer Harris Co.
Hamilton -

Transcribed

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Loudoun Cavalry D. C. Vol
Hamilton January 6 1864

Lieut Walden Engineer
Transmitted

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day received from Lieut Col Mosby the following property, viz

1 Sharps rifle with accoutrements complete
1 Colt's revolving rifle with accoutrements complete
1 Colt's revolving pistol with accoutrements complete
1 Colt's revolving pistol
1 Colt's revolving pistol
1 Colt's revolving pistol

#2563

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Hatton Ranch A. T. Nov 4th 1864

Hamilton Jones & others

Lt. C. Ely A.A.G.
Big Tree-Gonzales Co

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3d instant note under date of the 1st inst. in which you call my attention to the fact that I have not yet made my report of the 2nd of September last to date of your letter. I have not made such report of this office at Gonzales for the reason that I have had no property in my charge to report since the 2nd of September last. Since that time I have received no property for which I am responsible. I will report to you as soon as I have property in charge. I will forward the said report of my property transactions since the 2nd of September last to you as soon as I can get it. I have not been able to get the report made out before this time. I will forward the same as soon as I can get it. I am not aware of any property in my charge. I am not aware of any property in my charge. I am not aware of any property in my charge.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G. 7th

Bolton Bureau R. F. &c
Hampton Jany 6 1864

J. H. Hewitt Esq
Chaffee Hall

Sir

Enclosed please find exemptions No 1054 & 1055 in your favor for 5 bales cotton each, & the original application for same. Please bear in mind that these exemptions must be exchanged before the payment for Treasury Notes is permitted under penalty of forfeiture

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G. &c

Bolton Bureau R. F. &c
Hampton Jany 6 1864

W. W. Jarvis Esq Agt
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst and note contents. Enclosed find chaffee & exemptions

Starke Wrighton certificate 197 lbs Exemption No 1010 for 15 Bls
R. M. Hamton " 227 22 " 1077 " 5.
J. R. Tullis " 1234 62 " 1012 " 40.

I have sent an extract from your letter containing so much as relates to the charge of Judge Smith to the Grand Jury to look into & decide for this action -

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G. &c

Boston Bureau R. F. & M.
Houston Jany 6. 1865

H. H. Deaver Esq
Galveston

Sir I am in receipt of yours of the 3d inst. Enclosed please find certificate as in your favor for $250.12. I have also requested mailed your exemption No 1082 for 6 Bales cotton to Major Wells to be exchanged for his permit.

Very Resp
yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.M.

Boston Bureau R. F. & M.
Houston Jany 6. 1865

B. H. Darden Esq
Care J. Bedden Esq
Navasota

Sir

Please find enclosed certificate of your favor for $250.12 and exemption No 1082 for 10 Bales cotton.

I mail these papers to you at Navasota care Jno Bedden by request of Mr Bailey. Please bear in mind that the exemption must be exchanged for Maj Wells permit to export by first of February - under penalty of the forfeiting same.

Very Resp
yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te. Miss.
Houston, Jany 6. 1865

Capt J. H. Harris.
Inner House

Sir.

I have your favor of 31st Dec & have endeavored to find out further as mine states that I directed my letter of Nov 30 to Victoria - This error accounts for the failure to reach you - I write to Mr. Evans by this mail to obtain the same & forward it to you - If it reaches you please use it in connection & the enclosed copy of my endorsement & the letter to Maj Stelle - & return them to me cancelled -

Very respy your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te. Miss
Houston, Jany 6. 1865 -

Capt W. Evans Insp Cot -
Victoria.

Sir.

On 4th inst I misdirected a letter to Capt J. H. Harris at Victoria - Please obtain it from the Post Office & mail it to him at Sweet Home Navarro Co. It has valuable enclosures & hence you will be able to find it forwarded it to him -

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas
Houston, June 6. 1865

Major A.H. Stiles U.S.
San Antonio.

Major

I enclose a copy of my endorsement on an application made by D.G. Culpepper & J.K. Harris, relative to Culpeppers' claim for an exemption from two Bales of Cotton. The circumstances were as follows - The Cotton sent by Harris & Hartrick exceeded the exemptions by one Bale each - through mistake in weight - The Agent of the Cotton Office on the Rio Grande, counting the Bales, applied to Culpepper for exemption of 10 Bales to cover the Harris & Hartrick excess & passed only 8 Bales for their exceeding two Bales altogether - The action was wrong & I think we should remedy it by giving them the permit to export the two Bales -

The application has been lost in the mail, but I suppose that you issue the Permit based upon this endorsement & accompanying letter -

If Mr Harris comes in possession of the application after the mail forward it to me & file with this, & forward the Permit to Mr W. Harris at Jones & Rowe -

Very respy
your obt svt
C.C. Dwight
Cotton Agt
Houston Texas.

(Copy)

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 30. 1864

Respectfully referred to Major A. J. Gillis A. D. C. with the request that Mr. Culpepper be furnished with an exemption or permit for two Bales Cotton - I find upon examination that the statements in the written affidavit are true, as per the record here can show (Col Hutchins' Books)

The exemptions were

No. 246	May 27. 64	R. G. Culpepper	10	Bales	4304 lbs
" 247	" " "	J. B. Harris	4	"	1734 "
" 278	" 25 "	J. E. Hartie	6	"	3210 "

The practice under was to allow the number of pounds to Bales, and I understand that this construction is equitable and just - Under the circumstances Mr. Culpepper should not have been deprived of the right to export the Cotton, and it is now our duty to repair this wrong by giving him an opportunity to export the two Bales of Cotton

G. G. Wells
Capt Engrs
Actg. Chf.

A True Copy
G. G. Wells
Capt Engrs.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tx Miss
Houston Jany 7. 1866

Maj H. P. Vaughn Jr
Rio Grande City -

Major.

I have your papers up 26th Dec & note contents. On Nov 16th I sent to Maj H. D. Cabell to be forwarded to you Requisition No. 198 - for 36 Bales of E. E. Burness - On Dec 29. I remarked again to Major Cabell & to you also on the subject - and I trust you are in receipt of the papers ere this -

In reply to your question as to your making returns &c. I hardly know what to say - I would advise you to make up your papers complete, as a Quartermaster, and hold them until called upon for them - I imagine you will report through or to Col Broadwell but do not know - I am making up my papers on their own blanks I will expect to settle by them - For one case I should go right to account direct to the Dept even though the papers are forwarded by the Chief of the Bureau - Col Broadwell himself makes no papers of any kind, such the settlement of cases is entirely R. ests -

Very respy
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau Capt. Trans Miss.
Houston, Jany 7. 1865

Capt S. G. Sinclair
San Antonio,

Sir -

I have on paper of 31st Ult. sundry Hdqrs Co Receipts for 52 Bls Cotton - and now hand you my Official Receipts for same - I trust that future deliveries to the same parties will prove your ability to comply with Col Broadwell's requisition - Your letter gives me reason to hope - this good faith is in a great measure involved in it and you as well as myself will have reason to regret that a wrongful impression should die upon (since it is possible) can be prevented -

My own impression is that any Cotton arriving at San Antonio not already Transferred to creditors, should be applied to the payment of this order - Col Broadwell assured Mr Hale in Matamoras, that no portion of the Cotton from Austin & Houston Counties had been used, this gentleman declared what he said - It was for the interest of the Govt that Cotton should go forward at the time it did & the Govt now Loses Creditors will not suppose if Cotton now reaching you is applied to make good the tax due to King & Co - I trust Capt you will review this matter in its proper light & do your utmost - to place it right -

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. G. Hall
Capt. & C

Boston Mass Dec 30 1864

Engage
Mark Davis

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and contents Enclosed find article of agreement for your boy Frank I have not the time to go to Ware to day but will be there on Tuesday next for the purpose of having the papers executed by his Father

Yours Truly
L. S. Morris

C. Davis
E. L. Barrett

Respectfully Yours

Boston Dec 2nd 1865

Gentlemen

[illegible] eight of yours of the 28th and 30th ult
[illegible] note contents.

I have sent weighing for
[illegible] & 6 mos to Augusta Tells to be weighed
[illegible] I have as requested also sent into
[illegible] to count out the remainder
[illegible]

Enclosed please find
[illegible] Sundries Acct - Exchange 40 100ths per cent
[illegible] " " " 10 "

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Hills
Light House Inspr

Boston Nov 20 1865

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst and have answered your letter of the 13th inst but for the absence of the Editor.

In reply to your query in favor of the [illegible] I would say that we have not received the [illegible] and do not intend to do so.

Very truly
yours &c
C. G. Wells
Cashier

P.S. [illegible]

Cotton Bureau U.S. Tax
Houston Jany 2nd 1866.

Cont.

Supt of U.S. Mails
San Antonio

Sir.

Please forward under the following exemptions which please exchange for you permits and oblige by forwarding said permits to me.

Exemption No 6 for 10 Bales 4990 pounds
" 1090 " 6 " " " 4 " 990 "
" 1110 Jan 2nd " " " 2 " 500 "
" 1090 Dec 26 " " " 5 " 2500 "
" 1091 " 26 " C Lewis " 1 " 545 "
" 1100 Dec 7 " Jas R Bennett " 15 " 7691 "
" 1101 " 7 " L M Jeter " 8 " 4250 "
" 1103 " 8 " A E Bowles " 12 " 6510 "
" 1088 Jany 6 " J W Mitchell " 5 " 2511 "
" 1087 " 6 " H H Beaver " 6 " 2962 "
" 1086 " 6 " N E Loveless " 25 " 12500 "

also exemption issued by Col Hutchins No 152 dated March 31, 1864 from J L Paul for 19 Bales 9016 pounds.

Please issue your permit on exemption No 1091 for 10 bales 4629 lbs in name of Susan B. Bowles on exemption No 602 for 1 bale 545 in name of Jas R Bennett on exemption No 762 L M Jeter for 8 bales 4250 pounds in name of J. W. Mitchell, and on Col Hutchins exemption No 152 for 19 bales 9016 pounds in name of D. H. Lewis. I have endorsed on the back of the exemptions the names of the parties in whose favor your permit is required to be made.

Very Respy
your obt Svt
C. L. Speers
Supt 1-0-2 Dist

Cotton Bureau D. C. & O.
Hamilton Jany 7. 1864

Engagt
Steubenville

Please find enclosed two blank forms. As directed in yours please make out as early as practicable a list of the men you had detailed at Steubenville and send the list to me. These enrolling officers you have detailed must change their uniforms and you will please see that they do not wear it.

The object of the order I am not informed of with respect to their details, but merely that all [redacted] bills to military duty should be in command of officers knowledge of their locality & act accordingly he wishes and when their services are no longer necessary that they will be discontinued. I shall expect a report from you

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
Lt. C. Wells
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau D 2nd
Houston Janf 7. 1865

Lt W. Walker Esq agt
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst enclosing exemption signed by Maj Davis agt at Wms for three hands on farm and requesting it be exchanged for duty exemption. Enclosed I return you the exemption. I have no jurisdiction over receipts or exemptions signed by Maj Davis, and cannot exchange them for mine. I presume the paper is already a duty exemption and if so all right, if it is for one I as Major Weller at San Antonio to be cancelled and the permit issued in lieu of it.

Capt T B Twitchell at San Antonio is the head of the district in which Bell and Lee is situated, and it would perhaps be better to make him the enclosed paper with the request, if it is not an exemption, but merely a descriptive certificate of receipt for impressed negroes certificate of it, and hand his exemption to Maj Weller for the usual permit to depart. If it is an exemption request him to send it to Major Weller and destroy his permit.

By pursuing this course there will be no danger of not securing the freedom before the 1st Feby next at which time all exemptions on which persons have not been issued become void.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston Jany 7. 1865 —

Col J. B. Robinson Q.M.
Macon,

Sir,

I have written Mr. Paul Cunnington at Macon to turn over to you 8 B/ Cotton which he owes to Govt — It is not at Mr Wells' place as he reported to you — He has been paid for it almost 2 years ago & his neglect & delevier is not very creditable to him —

Very respy your obt svt
G. W. Wells
Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Miss
Houston, Jany 9. 1865 —

Mr. Paul Cunnington —
Macon.

Sir.

You notified me some time ago that you had at Mr. W. F. Wells' in your Track, 8 Bales Cotton, which I wish to make good the amount you owe the Govt — I sent Mr. Wells to day, and he says you have no cotton there — Please turn over 8 Bales Cotton to Col J. B. Robinson at Macon & Clear the matter up soon —

Very respy G. W. Wells
Agt

Colton Bowman, Esqr. in Alexa.
Hancock June 7. 1845

Confidential

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th Inst. with the pleasure to your visit to Cumberland — I shall gladly correspond with you as you will request me to, and solicit to share, such a portion as I am convinced against the jealousy of officers — your professional assistance to the benefit of the Creditors — upon any proposition you may submit for the future — If you can influence Judge Brace to take action friendly the settlement of our embarrassed affairs it would be well to transfer all of our Cotton to Chas — Have drawn receipts passed up our Cotton as soon the Steamer up a year — Sure I only desire that as an additional stimulus in case you should find the pressure upon you too great. Upon that you must assist the Creditors as much as you can to settle up our own business —

I write you your letter that you went to Cumberland partially gratified to discover something — Upon to I gladly believe you have secured advantages for the old Bureau which counterbalance the loss —

My feeling has always been that we desired proper to settle our accounts amicably, that if the Judge would guarantee the Creditors full pay much at any given time I will be very well satisfied to close on such terms and give him the immediate use of all the Cotton we have —

I made your order to Johnson Mr. Sampson Cotton when the cars for it — to us returned via Mobile

[illegible] to appoint - I will carry it
[illegible] that Colton is running in any
[illegible] he must back -
[illegible] letter from Gen A.A. Stone,
[illegible] the Grand Army man carrying
[illegible] unfortunately indisposed, & confined
[illegible] a sick - This brings me to
the [illegible] Relative Electoral case in Colorado
[illegible] wants to withdraw against the Democrat
[illegible] with the [illegible] to run [illegible] & Colton - I wish
[illegible] consider the expediency of this matter
[illegible] - They should not [illegible] expense of
[illegible] - I [illegible] just instruct me how
to [illegible] on the [illegible] of the St. Electors, Party or
[illegible] of the Democrat - I [illegible] recommended - He will
[illegible] the case [illegible] to be authorized to
withdraw - If [illegible] you will instruct, but the
Republican Electors in court -

I returned the U.S. Grand Jurors - All [illegible]
by a [illegible] of dockets to record - giving the Court
an [illegible] quantity of Colton - He is entitled
to no consideration - He should be one for a
Party [illegible] against impeachment of this 'dog Fight'
Colton [illegible] & [illegible] to this it [illegible]
[illegible] are on both Colton

Very respy
Yr obt
G. G. Gilbert
Chief Justice

To Col A. J. Broadwell
Hannibal, Mo.

Boston Barracks Dec
Houston Texas Feb 8. 1865

Cotton Bureau P.
Houston Jany 8. 1864

[illegible]

[illegible] please find a [illegible] the following specifications
[illegible] please issue your permits and oblige respectfully
[illegible] permits to use -

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	12	"	6666 "
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	3369 "
[illegible]	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	[illegible] "
[illegible]	5	[illegible]	10	"	[illegible] "
860	6	[illegible]	10	"	[illegible] "
	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	"	2665 "
	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	"	2615 "
	22	"	5	"	2685 "
	24	"	5	"	3009 "
	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	"	3035 "
	11	"	11	"	6600 "
	11	"	6	"	2252 "
	[illegible]	"	[illegible]		

[illegible] I have [illegible] the [illegible] I have [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] I have [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau Dept Gn Miss
Houston, Jany 9. 1865

A. H. Faison Esqr Agt -
LaGrange,

Sir,

I have compared 8th Nos enclosing Statement of Cotton delivered Geo. H. Little - I now enclose data for his signature - also Exemptions No. 214 - for 48 Bls Cotton being the Balance of exemptions due him - Please see that the screw in the right place - I return for the 8th data for correction - He signed correctly, but your alteration makes a new voucher necessary -

Very respy, your obt svt
G. G. Wall,
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Gn Miss
Houston Jany 9. 1865

Capt J. G. Sinclair
Van Buren

Sir

I have compared 4th No - & now enclose Receipts for $2.612.19 paid to Mitchell & Graham, as per their receipts 2nd one for $ one -

Very respy
your obt svt
G. G. Wall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Jany 7. 1865

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 3d inst. enclosing Receipt(s) for $ 218.602 31 — old issue, paid to Isaacs — which I now return Sign'd —

I also enclose my order on Co. S. A. Miller of Rowlett County, which I trust will produce for you more than the 48 Bales named —

I am, Major, very respectfully
Your ob't Servt
C. G. Hill
Capt & A.D.C.

Maj. Chas. Russell C.M.
San Antonio, Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston Jany 7. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq. C. —
Decatur.

Sir,

Reference to the order of Major Charles Russell C.M. all the Government Cotton in your charge — also all that may be acquired by you before this order is revoked — Same is required under 5% Bales contracted for — This Amount should be realized for Major Russell, over the 48 Bales shipped to me —

Very respy your obt Servt
C. G. Hill
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 9. 1865 -

E. H. Cunningham Esq Pt
Port Sullivan,

Sir, I have overpaid of 25th inst Trans cost account for services - as per statement & Vouchers for signature -

1865	Service Bill	$202.40
" 4th	Sales 6 B/C -	202.89

Please sign & return same to me - enclose also Exemption No 283 for 6 B/C -

Very respy your ob't ser't
G. G. Hall
Cash't C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 9. 1865 -

H. D. Ledden Esq Pt
Navasota.

Sir.

I have overpaid of 6th inst with B/L 66 B/Cotton - I have over debited your acct with $ 86 ¢ which you can retain until the next settlement - Your vouchers same to stand as right -

Very respy
G. G. Hall
Cash't C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Mess
Waxahachie, Texas July 7. 1865

A: G: Haines Esq Tyl.
Ga Grange.

Sir.

I have your favor of the 3d inst & note contents. You are furnished with the printed rules & regulations governing the following instructions.

1st Where you find one that a party will deliver Cotton to you for Delivery - you are authorized to issue your certificate - Specifying the number of the Bale & the Cotton is received & delivered - but will be by such a Train (Specifying it) - Send it to me, and I will send for it - permit & permit it to pass the Pickets until the Cotton is delivered - Where required you are to enter into bonds with sufficient securities in the sum of a double certificate. Where parties refuse to make the certificate, you will report the circumstances to me, & I will have the Bale seized & confiscated - Where parties who have contracted to deliver, refuse to deliver, you are to report to me, & believe they are trying to defraud the Government - make a Tabular Statement of the name, residence, number of Bales contracted for. No of Bales owned by the Party - Have same sworn before a Notary Public or to the Truth of the statement, certifying that they refuse to deliver, & if sold know the whole No of Cotton owned by each one & all of them also the place where all is the Cotton is now stored - Where could the Agent speak to them.

Yours Truly
C. C. Sibley Comm'r

Cotton Bureau Letters Sent No. 3
Houston, Texas, F. 1865—

[illegible]

Boston Bureau Keeps Open Doors 11th
Hamilton Davis F. 1865—

Eastern Bureau Dept
Hamilton Jany 10 1865

S. R. Bailey Esq agt
Huntsville

Sir

Enclosed please find Major Willis Receipt
for 1865 Jany 4 pounds F. F. Freedmen for the Cotton
- 1856 - 4 - John Hale - 10 - -
- 1860 - 4 - R L Harden - 4 - -
- 1863 - 4 - John Hale - 30 - -
- 1862 - 4 - D L Adams - 10 - -
- 1863 - 4 - - - 10 - -
- 1864 - 4 - - - 5 - -

Please acknowledge
receipt of and advise to the fourth

Very Resp'y
Yr Obt Svt
A G. Willis
Capt & A.A.G.

I have the pleasure of your favor dated 7th Inst
and hold at your disposal Amt ordered

A G Willis

Galveston Bureau 312
Houston June 10. 1865

Lt. [illegible] Ingalls
Quartermaster
Galveston

Sir

I have the receipt of yours of the 6th inst and contents. Enclosed find Major Willis Permit in your favor No 1661 for 9 bales cotton.

Very Respy
your obt Svt
Lt. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Galveston Bureau A.Q.M.
Houston June 10. 1865

Lt. W. Cunningham Engr
Fort Sullivan

Sir

Enclosed please find Permits No 1660 for 20 bales Cotton for W.J. Ferguson for 9 bls and No 1659 for 15 bls Cotton of J. Ferguson and Bro.

Please acknowledge receipt of and oblige

Very Respy
your obt Svt
Lt. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau D & M
Houston June 10. 1865

[illegible]
Danville

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed Major Wells's permits No 1652 & 1653 for 50 bales cotton each, which you favor, please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau D & M
Houston June 10. 1865

[illegible]
Danville

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed Major Wells's permits No 1651, 1652 & 1653 for 50 bales cotton each, please acknowledge receipt by return mail.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau A. C. P. 314
Houston Jany 10. 1865.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd & 4th inst with enclosures.

Enclosed please find specimen signature of John B Earle for your collection. Where I send duplicate certificates on your certificate of receipt and where certificate were given in advance of delivery of the cotton, you are send one to Maj Mills for exchange and exchange it for his permit but not deliver the permit to the parties until after the cotton is actually delivered to you.

The pamphlet you refer addressed by Lt Hotchkiss to Congress, has no reference to the present organization of the Bureau, its duties or those it refers to are those of the old Texas Cotton Office, the plan of which you will see at once to pay for the bale turned over to it a certificate, which certificate of course was to be paid as Congress might thereafter establish.

The intention of the pamphlet is to inform Congress definitely of the existence of these certificates, and show cause & reason why they should be formally recognized among the legal debts of the Govt and provide a fund with which to ultimately liquidate them.

The duties of this office are fairly in operation according to the extent fulfilled of its organization. I am glad to hear that the debt dated June 10 to Sept 1st and one fourth of the first unappropriated proceeds are to be set aside for this purpose, enough to satisfy remainder &c.

The [illegible]

Cotton Bureau D S A
Galveston, Jany. 10. 1865

Lt. Col. Cunningham Engineer
Port Sullivan

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd & 24 inst and note contents.

Enclosed please find certificates accounts

Lt. J. Perkins	under	28	for	$ 296.04
Lt. W. Wheeler	"	24	"	609.13
Lt. Pilgrone	"	24	"	1830.17
Lt. W. Earle	"	27	"	927.50
Lt. W. Davis	"	27	"	940.10
W. B. Stillman	"	27	"	1152.50
R. L. Eastwood	"	27	"	245.10

For fear of accidents of the mail I sent the vouchers which should have accompanied these enclosed to Engineer Office at San Antonio to be exchanged for his receipts.

Very Resp.
your obt svt
Jno. G. Wells
Capt. & A. D. C.

Colonel Duncan, Asst Trans Miss.
Houston, January 10. 1865

I have the honor to enclose Transfer
for 100 Bales Cotton, 348.395 lbs during the
month of Dec. I have you Inclosed your
Receipt for same. I hand you also a copy of Gen Certificate
Issued to me. Also Col Broadnell's letter to me
directing me to pay you the Cotton. Please sign
& Return Duplicate thereof to me.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. W. Gill
Asst Agt
Cotton Agt

Capt. H. H. Bennet A.A.G.
Shreveport.
Trans Ms Depot

Cotton Bureau Capt Thos Hall
Hamilton, January 10. 1866

E. K. Spaugh Esq
Comptroller Hall.

Inform me that you held an exemption
Roll on Cotton purchased by you for cash
with the intention of raising it on Cotton
Westchester County - The exemptions issued
by Cotton in Washington Lenton Stratton or
Williamson Counties - You can use it in any
County - except to Major Hall and
you must not to claim any Cotton from the
Counties to persons under your exemptions -
Information from Gen Hall requests
the Exemptions for 500 Bales each, as you
that did not contemplate or intend that
you should use them where their use is prohibited
Hall issued the Cotton in a
Manner that would the prospect permit for
you to use your exemptions.

Very respy
your obt
C. T. Hall
Capt & Provost
Mar Q Office

Col Hall Bowman, Supt Indian Affs
Houston, January 10. 1866.

Sir

Have issued to H. E. Bragg, Exemptions
No 1095 for 50 Bales 23.500 lbs
" 1096 " 50 " 23.500 "
Cotton stored in at Houston to R.H.&G. Mills.
I have notified Mr Bragg that these exemptions cannot be applied to Cotton grown Washington, Austin, Williamson and Milam Counties - but that he can ship Cotton grown in other Counties. We will make an effort to ship Cotton grown Washington County - Please make known entirely your views if the Cotton does not come from these counties. If in case the exemptions should come to you for payment, please refer them to me for instructions regarding Cotton from other than these Counties.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
H. E. Bragg
Gal Supt
Indn Affs.

Major R. R. Mills
San Antonio
Texas

Will Maj Mills acknowledge receipt -

Camp Bureau, Capt Trans Miss
Houston, January 10. 1865

Major.

I have issued to Lt. Gen. Bragg Exemptions
Dec 5. 1865 No. 1093 @ 50 Bales 23.500 lbs
" " " 1094 " 50 " 23.500 "
for Cotton turned in at Houston by R R R U. Mills -

I have notified Gen Bragg that these Exemptions
cannot be applied to Cotton from Washington,
Austin Gibralton or Matagorda Counties - but
that we can use them anywhere else -

We will make an effort to ship Cotton from
Washington County - Please make this satisfy
you that the Cotton does not come from these
Counties - & in case the Exemptions come to your
Post Quarter, please issue them conditioned
against Cotton from either of the above
Counties -

I remain Maj Yours as above -
Very respy
your obt svt
G. E. Hall
Capt & Asst
Adj. Genl.

To
Maj Gen A. J. Gaither Jnr
Galveston,
Texas

Cotton Bureau D. T. No 320
Houston May 10. 1865

[illegible]

[illegible] copies of the 3d inst. enclosing for
[illegible] 30 & 40 from L. H. Bryan for 35 bales cotton
[illegible] as signed as requested.

I have also received your [illegible] of the
[illegible] your permit in exchange for my emptions.
[illegible] for 20 Bales Cotton
[illegible] " 10 "
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau S & S RR
Houston Jany 10. 1865

Capt. [illegible]
Asst Quartermaster
[illegible] Antonio

Enclosed please find the following receipts -

[illegible] Oct 20 - Farm Sant Cerick for 8 Bales - 4025 pounds
[illegible] " G. H Robinson . 5 . 2525 .
[illegible] " Wm Kilgore . 35 . 18010 .
[illegible] " M. R. Perkins . 8 . 4000 .
[illegible] " S. H. White . 23 . 11070 .
[illegible] " H. L. Eastwood . 6 3000 .
[illegible] " L. H. Bowie . 22 11000 .
[illegible] " H. D. Bowie . 30 15000 .
[illegible] " [illegible] . 9 4500 .
[illegible] " A. M. Bumgardner . 22 10905 .
[illegible] " John Daniel . 60 26580 .
[illegible] " Jno. H. Eaton . 12 5995 .
[illegible] " [illegible] 5 2712 .
[illegible] " [illegible] 7 3565 .
[illegible] " L. N. McFarren 6 3134 .
[illegible] " H. H. Robinson 10 6093 .
[illegible] " A. G. Ballenger 6 3340 .
[illegible] " O. M. Wheeler 30 15356 .
[illegible] " [illegible] 8 3914 .
[illegible] " [illegible] 15 7665 .
[illegible] " J. M. Lamb 16 7317 .
[illegible] " [illegible] 6 3017 .
[illegible] " E. M. Hyman 10 [illegible] .
[illegible] " [illegible] 5 2520 .
[illegible] " J. M. Hyman 7 3309 .
[illegible] " " 5 2323 .
[illegible] " " 3 1293 .

[illegible]
[illegible] E. M. Hyman [illegible]

Boston Bureau U. S. Pat
Houston Jany 10. 1865

Lt Col
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and note contents. Enclosed please find exemplifications

No 1119 from E L Stanly for 3 bales Cotton
" 1120 " Mary E Evans " 3 "
" 1121 " E G Pace " 3 "
" 1122 " F P Hall " 4 "
" 1136 " J E Davis

I will make out and forward you the required specifications I have on hand as soon as time will allow

I send also exemplification No 1136 from J E Davis for 9 Bales—

Very Respy
your obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Lt Col

Boston Bureau U S Pat
Houston Jany 10. 1865—

Lt H. Baker Esq
Chief Clerk War Dept

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and note contents. Inclosed find exemplifications No 1119 from E L Stanly for three bales cotton. I will send you the required specifications & Drawings as soon as possible

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Lt Col U.S.A.

Galton Bureau D. T. Nd
Hamilton Jany 30. 1865

W. L. Wilson Esq agt
Enfield

I am in receipt of yours of the 28 inst and note contents. You will please find enclosed certificate of Lewis Smith enrolled as requested. I presume by this time you have rec'd your B+R

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.D.C.

Galton Bureau D. T.
Hamilton Jany 10, 1865

Lt. H. Errington Esq
Enfield

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22 inst and note contents. In case you furnish me with your discharge papers from the 10th Ga. Cav. Galton I will make out and forward the certificate of pay & allowances due you

Recommend that my exemption papers under penalty of becoming void, be exchanged for Draft Certificate previous to the first of May next. As I expect your discharge papers in about ten days, I will attend to your settlement at final muster.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau D.S.W.
Houston Jany 10. 1865

Dear Stanberry agt
Lenkau

Sir

Enclosed please find memoranda as follows

No 1126	from	Bush for	11	Bales Cotton
" 1125	"	Gee Bond		
" 1124	"	Ph. J. & L. Schaudies.	19	"
" 1123	"	"	3	"

I will mail you the certificates as soon as I have a little more leisure

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.W.
Cotton Bureau D.S.W.
Houston Jany 14. 1865

Capt C. G. Wells
A.C.S.W.

Sir

Please find enclosed the following memoranda of cotton shipped on the steamer for your permit and orders
[illegible] please send me the permits to me.

[illegible] from [illegible] for [illegible] Bales [illegible]

Office Bureau, Dept Texas Mil
Houston, Jany 10. 1865

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio.

Major -

On the 5th inst I forwarded to R. L. Bailey my Requisitions #. 522 for 10 Bales 4.852 lbs

" 23 " 8 " 4852 "
" 16 " 10 " 4840 "
" 16 " 8 " 4852 "

Mr Bailey could not wait for the forwarded there to you at once for permit but has not heard from them since. If they have not received your letter send me the permits & will send you duplicates of my requisitions.

If you have received them please advise me which I have you forwarded them - Mr Bailey is so much alarmed in consequence of the delay, fearing they are lost in transit.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Willis
Capt. Asst Qr Mr
Pro Tem.

Cotton Buyers Kept from Work
Galveston, Sept 11. 1865

P. A. Stern Esq
Richmond

Sir

I have a communication of the 8th inst which I am truly mortified to believe that the Grand Jury of great County ever entertained so grave charges of justice and prevarication that the Judge made did all in his power to prove himself devoid of either or virtue. I never took Agents Hudson & Baldwin and them as profitable as to have read this communication as proclaimed.

Respecting certificates & me to some depositions upon the subject of clothing I can leave both the goods & receipts there - I will get permits from Gen Custis for you & arrange so the Steamer will not know that unless it will upon them to make better Yankees of you.

You will be paid at the old schedule $16.00 -

Provide you goodbye on Hudson's arrangements - I am sorry that your dealings with him are not agreeable - I send the balance of the Cotton you give some for the receipts on Hudson & leave the receiving off to him - I do not pretend to find fault with you as much as with Hudson & Baldwin - You have always given perfect satisfaction - Your arrangements with parties I have nothing to do with but if they are not agreeable they inevitably refund upon me - Please see them & do so -

Very Resp
H. E. Smith Capt & C

Houston Jany 11. 1865

Gen. A. J. Hamilton
San Antonio

Sir

I have the honor of your of 8th inst. of the 6th inst
enclosing Copy of Genl Order of Maj. Gen Kinsdrick for Cotton sales
&c from Texas ports

On the 28th of November last
I received a letter from J. Beall Receiving Agent S. C.
Bonds for Cotton sold these Lands within. On the 29th
I addressed him a description corresponding with the above
Bonds &c

On the 5th Dec. I received a letter from J. Beall Receiving Agent S. C. Bonds
at Brazoria enclosing the certificate of the Register
of Public Lands that Bonds &c had been forwarded
to the Post Office at Houston to the address of that
Office On the 12th inst I received a letter from him
stating that he had not received the Bonds from the
Post Office at Houston Harris County

On the 30th of December I addressed
a letter to the Post Master at Brazoria, Brazos County
Texas and requested him to put the letter enclosing the
description in that envelope and send it forward
to me

I have not yet received

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Boston Bureau [illegible]
[illegible] 1865

Dear Madam

I received your note of 15th Dec requesting me to forward to Barnville a letter addressed to Lizzie Kirkpatrick. Being [illegible] of the Bible [illegible] forwarded. Please give [illegible] and address [illegible] your name [illegible] of the [illegible]

The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very respectfully
A. G. Hill
Captain & AQ
Asst Supt Boston Bureau

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, January 31. 1865.

I certify that on the 29th Nov 1864 I issued to Mr. J. Beall of Brownville, Brazos Co. Texas, my exemption No 116 - for 25 Bales of Cotton weighing 12.688 pounds - and mailed the same, at his request, to him at Kickapoo Brazos Co - There being no Post Office of that name in Brazos Co. the letter went to Kickapoo Anderson Co, and Mr. Beall consequently failed to receive it - I have requested the Post Master at Kickapoo to forward the letter to Mr. Beall at Brownville, Brazos Co. but have not as received it - I have again written him and asked him to send the letter to me if he has not already sent it to Brownville, as requested - When it comes to hand I will forward it to Major Wells at San Antonio -

In the meantime to save Mr. Beall from loss on account of circumstances for which he is in no way responsible Major Wells is respectfully requested to issue the usual permit to Mr. Beall, & file this Certificate in lieu of the Exemption -

This paper can be cancelled and returned to me when the Exemption appears -

G. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau
Dept Trans

Clifton Downs, Kept Dues Nov
Bristol January 11. 1865 —

To H. Dawson Esq &c
Hon Grange,

Sir,

Relative to G. H. Tuttle, out of Yard
Clifton received, enough, at Schedule prices,
& amounted to £1.366 0s 0d, Fifteen Pounds at
Head days dig Parlours — Send account & statement
of cash & bags required relinquishing, to this
Office.

Yours respectfully
G. H. Tuttle
Capt 1st Regt

Cotton Bureau U. S. 831
Houston Jany 11 1865

Col. U. S. Quartermaster
Houston

Sir

I would call your notice to the 3 bales of cotton shipped on the Steamer Neptune for Galveston 25th Inst. by the Brig Grace for Galveston 25th Inst.

Your Obt Svt
Wyatt & Sut
Lt. Q. M. Wells
Asst Q. M. C. S. A.

Cotton Bureau C. S. A.
Houston Jany 11 1865

Lt. S. Wadsworth Esq A.A.G.
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst enclosing statement of 4 bales cotton turned over to E. Brent Esq for shipment per hauling 6 bales bagging from Brownsville and the bill lading of the bagging.

It appears from the bill lading that Mr Brent is entitled to freight on the bagging - 6 bales out of 9 bales, while your statement is only for four bales cotton amounting to $149.63.

Which is this? If are you entitled to turned over cotton to Mr Brent for freight, or are you obliged to pay more freight. Please advise me by return mail I do not know how to act for the disbursing

Respy
Wyatt & Sut
Lt. Q. M. C. S. A.

Cotton Bureau
Houston Jany 12. 18—

J. S. Bedder Esq
Galveston

Sir

I am in receipt of your obt & st and note contents. Enclosed please find certificate of power of Atty from Engineers Co. I have mailed his commission to Major Dodd to be exchanged for his permits

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Asst Q M

Cotton Bureau O. S. T. D.
Houston Jany 12. 18—

T. J. Patterson Esq
Lafayette

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note contents. I presume from your letter you have obtained from Capt Wilkins an order detailing me to serve for you. If such is the case send me the detail as I can make the proper entry and assignment & duly qualify. When this is done I will return it to you

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A. A. G.

Bottom Bureau S. of Ter.
Keokuk Jany 12. 1860

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note the contents Enclosed please find certified copy of Warrant No 1 for 80 acres issued to Thomas Wells I have mailed his receipt to Major Wells to be exchanged for his permit and on the reception of the permit shall mail it to you

I am sir very respectfully your obt servt
Thos Baker
Register

Bottom Bureau S. of Ter.
Keokuk Jany 12. 1860

Dr Wells
Dubuque

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note the contents Enclosed please find certified copy of Warrant No 1 for 80 acres issued to Thomas Wells I have mailed his receipt to Major Wells to be exchanged for his permit and on the reception of the permit shall mail it to you

I am sir very respectfully your obt servt
Thos Baker
Register

Cotton Bureau &c
Galveston Jany 12 1864

John Holston Esqr
Abbeyton

Sir

Please send me by return mail the names and full descriptive list of all men detailed to you, particularly those detailed directly to you and not through me - which you will furnish me for each month.

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. Q. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau &c
Galveston Jany 12. 1864

Lt. R. Bailey Esqr
Fairfield

Sir

Please send me by steamer mail the names and descriptive lists of all the men detailed to you, particularly those detailed directly to you by Enrolling officers of the county. - Dynamite shaving use for each seat

I have made out the descriptive rolls for all enrolled for - you and sent them to Major Wells to be exchanged for his - Pls send your rolls as soon as a few days after we have received to make them out. I have also provided for obtaining formal description of your men and to be sent to Major Wells and all need to be mislaid -

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. Q. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Houston January 12th 1865

Brig Gen H. McEdington
Chief Q.M.

Sir

I have shipped on the steamer
Cora Wilcomb the following
One Bale Bagging
Three Pcs do
Three Coils Rope weighing 445 pounds
for which please forward me credit to this Office
Respectfully
C.B. Mills
Capt & AQM

Newton June 18 1865

Mr Andrew Robinson
Columbia

Sir

I shall be glad to have you by Wednesday
Noon for 1 U.S. Hospital
when you will also bring 250 yards
Bag Gunny Bagging for
which please forward

Respectfully
G.B. Wells
Asst Surgeon
in charge

Newton June 19 1865

Mr J.G. McNeal
Sir

By Wednesday Noon I shall be glad to
have through Mr Adrian Columbia
250 yds Bagging 150 yards
Rope Cut Rope Weighing 250 pounds
for which please forward receipt to this office

Respectfully
G.B. Wells
Asst Surgeon
in charge

Captain Thomas Hunt to Messrs
Hamilton Young & Co. Office

Major

Capt. Hunt, a Scottish Gentleman
of the Island for whose Memorial on a former day I
wrote the Petition Praying Government's Aid & Protection
to Capt. Stackenbrandt, & Enclosing to Mess. Hamilton
& Young Petitions from Capt. Stackenbrandt & Crew
respecting their Detention & Ill Usage by the King of
Tonga & Some Memorials from Capt. Hunt praying
for Relief for Loss sustained by him in the Service
of Tonga

Capt. Hunt will wait upon Government early
to-morrow morning to receive the Petitions, &
Memorials,

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
Jno. C. Bidwell
Secretary
Early Day.

Major A. H. Smith C.S.
San Francisco
Samoa

Colonial Secretary, Royal Engineers Office
Hamilton, January 12. 1866

R. W. Cabanniss Esq
Brevetcy

Sir,

I forward to you enclosed the Council Minutes of the 9th inst. with the Police Magistrate to take your evidence & claims & you are requested your services thereby. The Matter is overseen with much personal assistance. See if you can procure the required Income Tax under -

Your most obedient
humble Servant
G. E. Hall
Capt RE

Colonial Bureau Royal Engineers Office
Hamilton, January 12th 1866

Capt E. Reeves RE
Garrison

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith for your information & guidance a copy of a letter from the Colonial Secretary dated 9th inst. with enclosure relative to the Brevetcy of Lieut. Cabanniss RE.

I have also to request that you will be pleased to call upon Lieut. Cabanniss & inform him that I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that he will furnish me with a statement of his claims to the Brevetcy, & of the services upon which they are based.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
G. E. Hall
Capt RE

Capt. Quartermaster
Genl. Hd. Qrs. Army
Washington, Dec. 12. 1865

Capt. Quartermaster
Memphis

Capt. Myers has forwarded me Capt. Ingersoll's order on
Treasury for $ — As it is necessary that I should
account for the disposition of Steamer & cargo
I shall require Capt. Ingersoll's receipt for the Treasury
Note for $ — You will please to forward me a receipt
for the same & oblige
Yours truly
Your obt. Svt.
C. G. Smith
Capt. & A.Q.M.

Capt. Quartermaster Genl. Hd. Qrs. Army
Washington Dec. 12. 1865

Capt. J. S. Ingersoll A.Q.M.
Brownsville

Capt,

I have given you credit for $ [illegible] for which you will
please receipt & oblige me per $ [illegible] Quartermaster
in your assignment to you on account of
Yours truly
Your obt. Svt.
C. G. Smith
Capt. & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept of the West
Houston, Jany 12. 1865

Capt Wain.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 6th inst, with enclosures.

I have read your copy of Lt. Hawkes' letter of Dec 30th in which he tells me he will obtain a receipt for me for the whole Six Cotton Books sent to Capt Black - neither the Capt or Black being bonded officers - On the strength of this letter I have taken the liberty to invoice on the receipts & invoices the additional 5 Books as no mill notice. I will make no use of this receipt until I hear from you again - as a matter of course I make the change subject to your approval, and if you object to it will return you the receipts cancelled &c -

I trust, however, you will approve it, as I desire to have to account the Books in completion to these used in my own district.

Be no reproof

Capt W.H. Bonnell Capt
Henderson
Rock Co. Texas

Capt W.G. Wells
Engineer

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Jany 13. 1865

Sir.

I am directed to ascertain the quantity of Cotton in hands of Planters and others in my District on January 1st. To enable me to state with Tolerable accuracy you will please fill up the statement attached hereto, to the best of your information and return it to me within ten days or as early as possible. I do not expect you to ascertain the exact amount on hand at that date, but your positions will enable you to approximate more nearly than I can. An early compliance with this request is important.

I am respy your obt svt
Dr. C. Hill
Capt & AQM
Actg Dep.

J. L. Masterson Esq.
Brazoria.

Statement of Cotton in Hands of Planters & others on Jany 1. 1865 on the Counties of Brazoria & Matagorda.

	Bales	in Lbs.
Delivered to Planters (previous)		
" " Purchased from residents		
Received at & Cotton Bureau not delivered.		
Other Cotton		
Total Bales.		

Brazoria January 1865. Agent Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau A.S.W.
Houston Jan[y] 12. 1865

[illegible]

[illegible] find enclosed Shipping No 1168
[illegible] a Permit for 8 bales cotton

Very Resp[y]
Your Ob[t] Ser[t]
A. G. Hills
Cap[t] & A.C.S.W.

Cotton Bureau A.S.W.
Houston Jan[y] 12. 1865

[illegible]

Sir

I have to say in reply to your [illegible] that Shipping No 1169 from [illegible] for 10 bales cotton, to be exchanged for [illegible] I have requested Capt Hills to forward the Permit & Bond required to you, as required by the terms of the certificate.

Very Resp[y]
Your Ob[t] Ser[t]
A. G. Hills
Cap[t] & A.C.S.W.

Cotton Bureau 3rd Div
Galveston Jany 12. 1864

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Major A. H. Belo
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed please find the following exemptions
for cotton & cotton bales & cotton bales

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Central Bureau Dept of Mass
Nantucket Jany 23. 1865

Capt. Wm. H. McKinney,
Special Ag't. Austin,

Sir.

I have given power of att'y, and
request that your accounts may be completed
& rendered to this office - for the purpose
of settlement.

Respectfully
your ob't serv't
C. G. Hall
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau D.T. No 340
Tuscaloosa Jany 13. 1864

Lt Col
Dr Grange

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th & 9th inst and Enclosed please find certificate of Deposit Mary E. Moore for $ 1458 00
" E. H. Hall " 231 46
" E. G. Parr " 101 92
" L. L. Hanes " 132 10
" J. C. Davis " 436 60
I have before mailed you the certificate from of these parties.
I am sorry that Capt Robinson is about to go [illegible] I suppose there was no difficulty about his leave.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Lt. G. Wells
Asst Qr M & C S

Cotton Bureau A & P R R 847
Houston Jany 18. 1865

E. B. Harrison Esq agt
Galveston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst. with enclosures and note contents. I have mailed the exemptions issued in yrs of the 5th inst to Major Wells to be endorsed for his permits. Enclosed find certificate for

Jas E Campbell	for	$ 212 25
J. L Scott	"	2282 12
E. A Wynne	"	610 62
J. M Wynne	"	925.62

I have written Major Wells ordering him if he has issued permits on the following exemptions and if not to do so and mail them to me and I would send him duplicate exemptions

No 228	issued from	E.B. Bailey	for	10 bales cotton
" 229	" "	"	"	3 "
" 265	" "	"	"	10 "
" 266	" "	"	"	3 "

This will protect you should your exemptions be lost

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau S T R
Hamilton Jany 13. 1865

Genl Stones Esq agt
Bienham

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 4th inst & I make enclosed No.

Enclosed please find the following endorsements
for a Voucher certified a/c $344.49 - Expenditure No 1127 for 15 Bls
for P. & L. & Boarders certified account for $9/44 83
" " " " 117. 15
L. Bond " " " 29/36
George Bond " " " 449. 42

Mr. Perkins requested me to send his exemption and certificate up to you. If he should call for it in a day or two please mail it to the exemption to Major Wells to be endorsed for his permit to export.

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A C M

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Texas Oct. 1865

Major A. M. Wilder C.S.
Agent Brownsville.

Sir

On Oct. 9th last I issued to Salomich & Smith on exemptions from my R/C - 000.30½ lbs veg.

1	1	Bales	500 pounds
1	12	"	44.760 "
1	12	"	27.444 "
1	06	"	20 270 "

Owing to a misapprehension on which Mr Salomich is not responsible, my permit is now in the Hands of J. M. Norment & Co at Brownsville. They have been unavoidably obliged to close in for a time and will do so - but in the meantime Salomich & Smith have two. one Option to do as with the permit Now at a loss to know how to do it. They are now to the amount to 1000 pounds Shelled to the river, to be held there until the permit reaches them at Brownsville. I did an unpardonable error in allowing this and I trust you will pardon it as unavoidable to do so - You have my most sincere apology for my error and abuse of this privilege - Which I did under advice of Gen Slaughter Chief Quartermaster Army Texas

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 13. 1865

Brig Genl Hy Hill A.A.G.
San Antonio,

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst. covering Major Hillis' certified accounts - I am forwarding the same, up to 1st Sept, as they are presented.

As requested I now enclose transfer papers of cotton received by Maj Hillis - Please have receipts signed & return them to me.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt CC

Houston, Jany 12 1865

Brig Genl Slaughter
Comdg Dist Western La

Please have $500.000 new issue sent me at once - People are pressed now to pay their taxes (State) & I think we cannot why the payments are make - one half can only be Sept 65 - the many are to be met - Unless the money comes through -

For $350.000 you send Receipt of! since there I believe you can

Very truly yours
C. G. Wells

Indian Bureau U. S.
Hamilton Jany 13. 1865

D. N. Couch Esq Agt
Fort Gibson — Genl G. B. Dyer Esq

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 5. inst and in reply would say that I have made the requisition for the supplies ~~required~~ and ~~have~~ would call your attention to the fact that there is no provision for the payment of the employees of the Agency. I would also call your attention to the fact that there is no provision for the payment of the employees of the Agency.

I enclose herewith the following requisition for Blankets

2	1194	500	lbs	flour	10	10	Blankets
	1191	"	"	"	9	20	"
	1192	"	"	"	10	23	"
	1661	"	"	"	James Logue	1525	65	"
	1649	"	"	"		777	5	"
	1635	"	"	"		7496	15	"
	1634	"	"	"		819	3	"
	1633	"	"	"		2207	4	"

I remain the most obedient servant
and humble of your Judge Master -
I have your letter in
Col. G. Have the requisition of the Blankets divided as requested

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
L. G. Hills
Indian Agent

Draft to Bureau of Mo
Houston January 13.1

Major R H Wells
San Antonio

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst enclosing
Requisitions Nos 1706- 1707-1709- 1710-1711-1712-1713-1
1715 & 1716

Enclosed please find the following Requisitions
Duplicates of those which please make out for
your files and mail Requisitions to me
No 1706- Jany 13- from J A Davis for 2 bales 988 lbs
" 1707 - - - " L H Moore - 4 " 1918 "
" 1708 - - - " W. L Hogue - 17 " 7902 "
" 1709 Jany 13 - " Jacques Bros & Co 10 " 5208 "
" 1710 Jany 13 - " J A Bennet 6 " 2943 "
" 1711 - - - " Jacques Bro & Co 32 " 16203 "
" 1712 Jany 13 " L D Branch 8 " 4235 "

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
R H Wells
Capt & AQM

Houston January 13th 1865

Capt Rowe A. Agent
Post Galveston

Sir

I have this day shipped to
your care for Messrs Sager Byrd & Co. Cord & Twine
200 lbs Indian Bagging
Ten Coils Cotton Rope
which please receive and forward to them as early
as possible

Very Respectfully
C. G. Mills
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept for Miss
Houston June 13. 1865

T. J. St. John Esq Cy L
Richmond

Dear.

I have your favor of 11th inst & have contents. Your action has been always satisfactory to me so far as your duty to the Bureau is concerned, and I was confident you had not been seriously at fault in it all, in your dealings with Fletcher.

I believe he has gone to Richmond, & I trust you have arrived at a satisfactory understanding.

I would be glad to have one issue as many certificates in advance of delivery as you can write safely. It will be important to pay out as rapid as we can & have no indebtedness, if possible. And all the Cotton acquired by you in this way will facilitate our winding up.

You understand what is wanted. Of the amount contracted for by Capt Burns there is probably 400 Bales not yet delivered. Of this can the all secured & early Lewis & Fletcher will be paid, then Mr Whitehouse will get the Cotton on the order I gave in favor of Krieg & Co, Kleinman & Kayser.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agent &c

Central Bureau Refd Fr Negs
Houston, Jany. 13. 1866

Majr. A. J. Gabell, Jnr.
Columbus

Majr.

I have your favors of 30 Dec & 4th Inst & thank you for contents, as they have given me considerable anxiety in regard to the papers named - I congratulate you upon being at last relieved of all enquiry about the Ball Hawkins & Co persons - They have heard of their safe arrival.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Central Bureau Refd Fr Negs
Houston Jany 13. 1866

A. W. Harris Esq Jr
Sweet Home, Lavaca Co.

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 8th Inst enclosing J. D. Adams affidavit in the case of 7 B/C - for which I thank you. I think it is your duty to give information of this fact to the Dist Atty (Jno. C. Hook) at Gonzales, & thus bring the matter before the U. S. Courts. There is no reason why women should do things with impunity which would be criminal in men subject to fine & imprisonment.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, June 13, 1865

Gen D. H. Gray, Treasury Dpt. D.H.E.
Marshall, Texas.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 31st Ult: (which arrived only yesterday) -

In order to obtain the information you desire more fully than I can supply it, I would suggest that you ask Capt Y. H. Barnet of Henderson & Capt T. N. Bonge at Tyler, to issue a circular, similar to the enclosed, to the agents in their districts - These gentlemen control almost the whole of Eastern Texas no one of whom is more than 30 miles from Henderson & Tyler & could obtain & send to Marshall & Houston reports - Your estimate will be incomplete without reports from them -

I will send you my report for the balance of the State as early as possible - I will urge prompt action on the part of all my agents -

Allow me also to request you to furnish me with copies of Capts Barnet & Bonge's estimates, when received -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Sibley
Capt & C

Colonel Robinson Recd In Hdqrs
Houston. January 24. 1865

General

On Dec 19th 64, I had the honor to report the names of the Reserve Corps men on duty under this Bureau - Among them were N. W. Faison & N. C. Faison of Fayette County. & J. H. Henderson of Houston County - I am informed that Faison & Henderson have been sent to their Companies, & that Faison will probably be sent to his Company soon - I ask your favorable consideration of these cases as I cannot dispense with their services without positive injury to the service - I respectfully request that their details be allowed to continue until I can do without them -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. B. Robertson
Commdg Reserve Corps,
Brenham,
Texas -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.G.M.

Cotton Romeo, Scott & Sons Miss
Houston, June 24. 1865

D. A. Coleman Esq Atty
Navasota,

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 12th inst. I should have made the calculations before sending back to you - I now enclose vouchers for signature -

For 22 — Service Roll. $ 264.00
" 24 Salve & Ky Cotton 279.60
" 308 Exemptions, E.C. & Corp. &c. 2000 Ct.

Please return the papers when signed -

Respectfully
G. W. Yeilly
Cashier

Cotton Romeo Scott & Sons Miss
Houston June 24. 1865

Dr. Reginald Esq
Bastrop

Dear Sir.

Shall there be any more Cotton delivered to you in Bastrop County? If so you will please send me a few envelopes as there is none here
Respectfully & truly yours
G. W. Yeilly
Cashier

Cotton Bureau, Kept Trans Mss
Houston Jany 14. 1865

W. H. Sadler Esq. Cyl
Gen Transp.

I have conversation of 11th inst, with enclosures.
Carefully noted. I now enclose vouchers
22. Invoice Bill, - Cotton Chgs. 405.50
do Freight. 268.14 673.64
44 - Sales G B/C -
202 - Requisition for G B/C - 4826 lbs -
Please sign & return the vouchers.
Also - 22 - Freights - in old issue, 2347 lbs reduced to
2346 lbs current - If you sign & return the letter
now ready to anyone you designate here - or mail
to me at Houston. This plan will be more
economical for government than to send the
money by mail as you suggest -
Have you heard yet from the application
for your release? I have written Genl Robertson
again today in relation to it - and am making
the effort to have Mr Sadler returned to your
department again -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. W. Hall
Transp Cyl

Cotton Bureau C S A
Thomasville January 14th 1865

Hon Seddon Esq
Richmond

Sir

Enclosed please find certificate of
Cotton Sold for $ 4 2 0 0 0 Stamps 70 100 for 5 Bls

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. G. Wills
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau C S A
Thomasville Jany 14th 1865

Hon Seddon Esq
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and the enclosures. Your letter was the first information received at this office regarding the cotton of which you wrote.

I have sent the Fulton and a number that all the cotton received from your Bureau has been turned over to Mr Sampson Receiver of C S cotton, and that you were still entitled to him the collection for cotton not yet delivered.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. G. Wills
Capt & A.C.S.

Central Bureau Dept De Miss
Houston, Jany 14. 1865

Capt Davis

Mr G. B. Byrd of Polk County called
upon me on the subject of transportation - re
questing assurances of engaging as a licensed carrier.
& of being able to inform him whether his detail
as such will be accepted as a licensed carrier I suggested
to him to write to you for the information - also
to accompany from you the name of the Officer
to whom his application for service must
be directed.

I take pleasure in recommending Mr Byrd
to your favorable consideration - He will
be fully able to accomplish anything he may
undertake and you may rely implicitly upon
his representations - I am confident his
services will prove valuable to your Office
& all it accomplishable to engage them.

He has been and is now engaged in
transporting Cotton for this Bureau - His object
now is to secure other arrangements as soon
as he completes his present engagement with
us -

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Capt H. G. Black
Chief Quarter Master's Office
Galveston Texas.

Southern Pacific R.R. Co.
Transportation Dept.

San Francisco, Cal. [illegible]

[illegible]

Enclosed please find vouchers as follows:

[illegible]	for	$ 20.50
[illegible]		62.62
[illegible]		34.20
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		366.35
[illegible]		126.22
[illegible]		366.00
[illegible]	(Barrels)	466.20
[illegible]		201.85
[illegible]		85.15

I have mailed the complaints and warrants, as explained to Mayo [illegible] and to be delivered for his fees.

I have mailed him also [illegible] for service papers complaints, [illegible]

Very Truly
Yours
H. Gest
by Wells
Asst Agt

Cotton Bureau
Houston Jany 14. 186[illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible] receipt of yours of the 9th inst and
[illegible] Enclosed please find Certificate
[illegible] and Contract for
[illegible] I have received his signature to Major Willis to
be exchanged for his present
[illegible] obtain from
[illegible] Bureau without paying them the amt due them
for [illegible] I have but a limited amount of mon
[illegible] and what is left is reserved to the settle-
ment of my ofc debts from 1st Jany [illegible] I am
[illegible] a responsible [illegible] of receiving
funds to discharge all the obli-
gations of this office, and dislike resorting
to drafts where ofc is of a later date than
the bill without having the ability to honor all
drafts as a denial reflects upon the
[illegible] Gov & Bureau that on the delivery of
this cotton they can obtain the amt due
them by sending their certificate here.
If they will not do
this then I will have to apply for an order
to [illegible]

If you obtain the cotton under
the promise of immediate payment let me know
it at once as I can place the funds
[illegible]

Very Resp
your ob Svt
[illegible]
Cotton Agt

Boston Bureau 355
Hancock Jany 14. 1865

To Brig Genl
Boston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and
note contents. Enclosed find subsistence
[illegible] Subsistence for 15 Bls
E B Gilbreath " 1867 - " 777 " 25 "
[illegible] obtained subsistence
[illegible] for Major Wallis herein before
[illegible]

very Respy
Your obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Brig Genl [illegible]
Chief Com Subs

[illegible]

[illegible]

Boston January 14 1 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with offer of the enclosed note from [illegible]
[illegible] please favor us with [illegible]
[illegible] Dollars for [illegible]
[illegible] Loan [illegible]
I have granted them
[illegible] and are for that Reason to request
[illegible] to be exempted for this present [illegible]
[illegible] I shall not write and beg Mr [illegible] will
[illegible] and of the generosity of Mr [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] I remain with the most [illegible] esteem
[illegible] Sir your [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Galveston January 14. 1865 369

Capt. Wells
Chief Clerk

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note the contents please find within the amount of Invoice for 19th Inst. I have received this morning a letter from Capt Wells to the effect that he will be here for his Permit.

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Galveston Jany 14. 1865

Capt. Wells
Chief Clerk

I am in receipt of yours of this date enclosing invoice and note contents.

Enclosed find Invoice for $ 19.22 — as requested I send you also Pass to Corpus Christi at Same Charges to be exchanged for this Pass

Very respy
Your Obt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Bureau No. 10-R370
Approval expires 1-31-70

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Boston Bureau U.S.M.C.
Houston Jany 14. 1864

Lieut [illegible] Dispatch next [illegible]

Please find enclosed certificate of your examination & Board & request your exemption which is to be exchanged for your parole

Very truly
your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M. 2nd

Boston Bureau of Credits
Newton Jan 14, 1899

A Few Thoughts
Christmas Week

Christmas Week should encourage
cultivate in us Love Reverence
Love manifests itself
benevolence & Duty Willingness to do
acknowledges its Author

Yours Truly
Ezra Weed

Sir Henrietta Eng
Bermuda

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the [illegible]
& contents - The 15/ is your draft on
the Colonial Bank of which you are advised
per [illegible]
I have forwarded
your Memorandum to Messrs Hillier & Son Authors
to be exchanged for title Deeds

Dear Sir
Your obt Svt
[illegible]
Secy

Custom House, Collr. Dr. Miss.
Houston, Jany. 14. 1865

Sundries Exemptions as follows:

[illegible]	Jany 21/64	W. P. Stoneum	20 Bls.	9700 lbs
[illegible]	Jany 6/65	Thos. Cochran	05.	2.200.
[illegible]	" 04.	John R. Johnson	5.	2.585.
[illegible]	" " "	W. Groeten	20.	10.720.
[illegible]	" " "	Symie Lemise	4.	1.804.
[illegible]	" " "	L. P. Lemie	2.	1.102.
[illegible]	" " "	do	6.	2806.
[illegible]	" " "	do	3.	1.668.

I am ordered please return me your permits in favor of Brownsville -

On Jany 10th I sent you your exemptions Nos 1042 & 1043 - in name of W.K. Sanction, for 10 Bales each, the two letter endorsed per permits of 10 Bales each - I have not yet received your permits in exchange - In your enclosures of 4th & 5th Jany (each one containing 10 Exemptions) there are three returned in the form of permits, & make the ongoing Morning thing was there written over - If they have not received your letters could you provide & send your duplicates - The original were respectively 1.000 1002 1.500 - 1.003 - If I remember correctly it could be you in a different envelope from my letter of 5th

Yr very humble servt
W. D. Hall
Collector

Maj Gen N. A. Wellen C.S.
San Antonio.

Cotton Bureau, Capt Z. Kiss
Houston, Dec 14. 1865—

Capt A.G. Mitchell
San Antonio,

Sir

I am just in receipt of the enclosed letter from Col Broadwell to Maj Russell, which he desires shall be transmitted through you, for your perusal. It will show the Col's desire that no efforts shall be spared to make good to King & Co, the 650 B/ Cotton inadvertently diverted from Austin & Hearbon Counties in the early part of our operations -

I have seen your letter of Dec 30th to Col Broadwell. I admit the justice of your strictures upon my actions, I agree with you that I probably assumed authority not recognized at the time - I respect you too much and regard your experience and opinions too highly not to bow to your expressions at any time - but I wanted proper to hear from you directly ere I was sure enough - You are aware that the nature of our work required that much should be ignored as a general thing & that all the capacity & energy every member of the organization could bring to bear was required to make it a success. In this particular case you may decline to carry out the known wishes of our Govt, at any sacrifice - and if you have reasons to assume me again I trust your charity will ascribe a wish to the only good & true impulses.

Yours respectfully
Jno. Adair
A.A.G. 4th Dist.
Galveston

Houston, January 16, 1865 376

Genl E. M. Gibson Esq
Com Corps A.N.V. &c &c &c.

Lieutenant —

Sir

Your letter of 19th Inst was handed me by Dr Hoke, at whose request I made the application for a furlough for 120 days —

I have just received the enclosed from Shreveport, covering the application & the disapproval and endorsement — I regret it is not in my power to do anything more —

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. M. Gibson

Genl Gibson Keeps from this
Houston Jany 16. 1865 —

Capt. A. D. C. Asst Adjt Genl.
Hd Qrs Trans-Miss Dept.

Capt.

I am sorry to have nothing
better, under the circumstances than to forward with
disapproval. Your application at present cannot be
granted. They are entitled to all the facilities
the Govt can afford them —

Very respy
Your obt Servt
E. M. Gibson
Genl Comdg

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 16. 1865

Maj Gen.

Gen Hawkins has claims vs Govt which, as you know, Col Broadwell has made arrangements to pay Gratis from your district - The Gov. speaks of a small lot remaining in Limestone County which you did not feel authorized to use your time. I would suggest that you give him all the Cotton in your District, no matter in what County it lies, provided it is not otherwise appropriated - This would relieve Col Broadwell from the necessity of employing agents elsewhere - while at the same time it would probably result in the acquirement of Cotton for Govt which we might fail to get otherwise -

Col Broadwell has forwarded to me your papers in the Cunningham question - I think they set forth your positions very clearly and certainly relieve you from all blame in the matter -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Asst AG

Maj Gen R. H. Jones,
Hsqrs.
Texas.

Cotton Bureau &c &c
Lancaster Jany 16 1865

E. J. Cook Esqr agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst with enclosures and note contents.

Your letter of the 10th inst was not received until after the exemplification from the Treasury Dept was mailed to Maj Hillis to be exchanged for his permit and the same will have to be marked by an endorsement on the permit.

I directed Capt Hillis to forward all certificates after until sent for by you.

Very Respy
your obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Supt 4th A. D.

We have received your certificate for 7 Bls Domestics for which there is entered a charge of 350 yds. Duck and 336 lbs rope. How is this? Not required to receive more cotton as is that in store in the certificate. I will forward you invoice goods. & destroy the certificate as
L G W

Cotton Bureau S S W
Galveston January 17th 1865

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Capt. O. M. Mills
San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th & submitting the following Permits given in exchange for

Form 1865 Galveston

" "

" "

" "

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Houston Jany 16. 1865

Lt. Gen. Buckner Comdg
Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 9th inst and note
contents. The permits from Saunders & Harden have
been returned from San Antonio and are now on file
in this office subject to your order.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Jno. G. Wells
Lt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Houston January 16 1865

Lt. Gen. Buckner Comdg
Shreveport La

Sir

I have the honor to report that the following
contracts, the completion of which by Contractors has been
prevented by Indian hostilities, and ordered to cease the purchase of
Cotton, have been completed to the present date, as
follows.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Jno. G. Wells
Lt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Gulf
Houston, Jany 16. 1865

Henry Morgan Esq
Asst Treasury Dept.
Houston

Sir

Gen Sheridan writes me under date of 4th that he hopes to deliver this month over 600 Bales of cotton. Your Capt Simpson who will give you an estimate of the quantity of the title out of the Counties of Galveston & Matagorda. I personally will see Brevet Col. Broadwell and say to him that you are to give some attendance of the cotton matter of the Custom. Will you please inform in your reply the time and place at which I will be most convenient for you to deliver Custom to me & to place that I will be ready to attend and to pass this month.

I have already received 82 Bales at this point. 28 at Brownsville. I expect 100 Bales more at Brownsville in a few days.

You are of course aware that the owners of this cotton are constantly clamoring for ships. But for this important duty I would not suggest you to exercise a little exercise of delicacy. But it is for you to be able to satisfy them for the Treasury Department concerning of their claims.

Very respectfully
your obt servt
G.W. Hill
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gu. Miss.
Houston, Jany 16. 1865

Adjt Gen. Morris Esq Ajt
Secret Service.

Sir -

I have your favor of 11th inst - with enclosures - I return you Major Wallis' letter that he may make a new endorsement on the Cotton paper, as I learn from Natchez that he has forwarded the missing letter to you. I trust you will now have no difficulty about the matter -

Very respy
Your obt
G. W. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Gu Miss
Houston, Jany 16. 1865 -

Brig Genl Thos. Jno. Wood
San Antonio.

Sir.

I have your favor of 11th inst. covering Mr Wallis's and Gen. Gardner's - all observed as stated - Thank you -

Very respy
Your obt
G. W. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Jany 16. 1865

Lt. S. Tedder Eng Dft.
Shreveport,

Dear,

I have yours favor of 13th Inst & note contents. I have letters from Col Broadnax in relation to Cotton he is sending - & I take it he refers to that which Capt Burge will deliver. Continue to forward it as you receive it - I hope I will not have to pay the transportation. Yours truly

Very respy
J. G. Wells
Capt & Qr

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tr Miss
Houston Jany 16. 1865

Capt. R. H. Bennett Agt
Henderson,

Capt - I have yours favor of 9th Inst with enclosures -

I now return you the receipts signed as requested - Say 102 BC - 47.108 lbs

Very respy
your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Qr Mr

Custom House Bureau Dept of State
Montreal, June 16. 1845

J. H. Crane Esq: Sol
Victoria.

Sir I have your favours of 12th
inst & thank you for mailing the letter to Mr.
Harris - He accepts with reluctance this proof
of your confidence -

You call the Magistrates Office the Police
Office Victoria - Send me your
memorandums receipt and I will settle
with him here -

Can you not obtain for me My Colletts
Official Receipt for the Dagging & Rafts
you have received through me? I will
require them in my settlement - You
have probably written and me your certificate
to the effect that you have received so much
Dagging & it by supplying it to Mr Harris -
Please that I can get the receipt & send.

Dear Sir
Yours truly
C. E. Wells
Capt R.R.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Navis
Houston, Jany 16. 1865—

J. L. Cooke Esq Pt
Hempstead

Sir— I have your favor of 15th inst in relation to deliveries to Navig Dt. Their Contract calls for all the Cotton required in Austin Co. to make good what you had previously sent me I must give them all your assistance in Washington Co. & apply the deficiency there. Believe them as you get Reception.

Respectfully
Yours &c
G. L. Hall
Comptr &c

Cotton Bureau Dept. La Navis.
Houston, Jany 16. 1865—

A. H. Paine Esq Pt.
La Grange.

Sir, I am glad to be able to write you at last with your retainer — I think it may save you time by [illegible]

Very respy
Yours &c
G. L. Hall
Comptr &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Mississ
Vicksburg, January 16. 1865

Wm Hodskins Esq Capt
Alleyton -

Sir.

I have pleasure of 18th fresh trade contents
& enclosures -

I now enclose Exemptions & Certified accounts,

# 1206 -	H. E. Poole -	11 B/C -	$469.04
" 199 -	W. Herbert -	23 "	1044.26
" 1200 -	Exemptions -		
" 208 -	King & Co.	26 B/C	
" 209 -	Henry Stillman King	96 "	

The exemptions for Kirkpatrick & Hartford have been returned to me -

By looking at the Press Copy of your letter you will find that you have misstated the number of Bales delivered to Henry, & H. The Cabs by Nagel & Montgomery &c. make 23 Bales & not 20 Bales as you say - The amount delivered from Hempstead is 96 instead of 96 Bales, I shall make the Exemption for the proper amount - Please do not omit to pack another time.

I have received from Consul Smith the certification & oath to enable counsel to defend your cases - Agreeable news to your Employees -

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. E. Hall
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Ga. Miss.
Houston, Jany 16. 1865

Major A. M. Willis
San Antonio.

Major.

I enclose Exemptions viz:-

No. 606.	Oct 26-64.	H. H. Browning	40 Bales	2a425 lb
" 944.	Nov 18.	Green Hood	8 "	4.288 "
" 1196.	Jany 16-65	H. Huntington	80 "	6.000.
" 1197.	" " "	A. B. Stone	80 "	4.600.
" 1198.	" " "	H. Humphreys	80 "	5.236.
" 1200.	" " "	A. H. Gibbons	80 "	5.245.
" 1201.	" " "	James B. Markins	96 "	24.068.
" 1202.	" " "	S. R. Bradshaw	15 "	7.455.
" 1203.	" " "	J. W. Murphy	80 "	5.205.
" 1204.	" " "	David Coulson	24 "	12.505.
" 1206.	" " "	Jos. Allsop	2 "	1040.

also Cert Matchins' Exemption

No. 852 - May 3rd 64 - A. H. Belo & Co 7 Bales 2.282.
for all of which please have Cert. me gun permit
in same names for Brownsville.

Since I wrote you last I have received the permits for 1196. Subscribed - for which I have sent an engineer -

Very respy
Your obt. svt
C. T. Wells
Capt Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Js Miss
Houston, Jany 17. 1865

J. J. Roache Esqr Agt
Hempstead

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th - just covering statement of your account & asking that it be closed in time to secure the exemption - To do so I now enclose voucher #12 - Service Bill $816.70
" #14 - Sales C&C - $92.67
Please sign & return the same to me.
I have forwarded your exemptions for the 6 Bales & San Antonio & will send it to you as soon as received -
The Balance of $ 76.67 will be paid due to you on your checks before we close -
I will do what I can for Mr. Browning - His assistance & services rendered the Bureau entitle him to consideration, & I think Col Nicholson will remember the services -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agt C&C

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans 389
Hawkins January 17th 1865

Major A. H. Willis
San Antonio

Sir

Please find enclosed the following exemptions which exchange for yr. permits and when exchanged mail to me

No 320	January	16	Form	F. J. Cook	6 bales	3139	pounds	
" 1209	"	17	"	J. M. Maxey	25	" 12500	"	
" 1208	"	17	"	"	25	" 12500	"	
" 958	Dec	28	"	"	8	" 4107	"	
" 957	"	28	"	"	10	" 5135	"	
" 1071	Jany	13	"	T. Dunnaughs	15	" 7048	"	
" 56	Sept	26	"	Benj Byford	15	" 4958	"	

Very Respy
yr Obt Svt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans West
Hawkins, Jany 17. 1865

A. L. Bonfington Esq
Beaumont.

Sir.

I have your favor of 6th inst & make your enquiry about James Hagan's plantation. I sent them to their guardian by Lee's neighbor. The U. S. Agent claiming it as safe conveyance - I think you can obtain them from Cold Spring -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau A & M
Houston Jany 17 1890

Freeman & Wells
San Antonio

Sirs

Please find enclosed the following exemptions which please exchange for your own permits, and return exchanged mail to me

No 1207 - Jany 17 - Farm many Wood for 10 bales 5000 lbs

"	1215	"	"	"	J. Evans	"	4	" 1794 "
"	1200	"	"	"	"	"	5	" 1210 "
"	1217	"	"	"	Jas W Baldwin	"	25	" 12076 "
"	1206	"	"	"	W. L. Hague	"	7	" 3540 "
"	1204	"	"	"	D L Jagers	"	10	" 5552 "
"	1218	"	"	"	L D Record	"	7	" 3632 "
"	1226	"	"	"	A R Brumfe	"	8	" 3493 "
"	1225	"	"	"	Mrs Montgomery	"	3	" 1224 "
"	1223	"	"	"	Jas L. Smith	"	10	" 4192 "
"	1224	"	"	"	"	"	10	" 4192 "
"	1219	"	"	"	H. H. Browning	"	4	" 1800 "
"	1222	"	"	"	J. H Stone	"	15	" 6924 "
"	1220	"	"	"	J. Mathews	"	20	" 9000 "
"	1221	"	"	"	B. F. Parker	"	14	" 6300 "
"	1228	"	"	"	L. L. Compton	"	3	" 1649 "
"	1229	"	"	"	W A Drake	"	20	" 9000 "
"	1230	"	"	"	Pat Fields	"	50	" 22500 "
"	1231	"	"	"	B. R. Thomas	"	10	" 4480 "
"	1232	"	"	"	Nathan Davis	"	25	12000

Very Respy yours &c
L. G. Wells
Supt Cotton Bureau

Houston Jany 17th 1865

Lt D A Orris
Cold Spring

Sir

I have Shipped you this day
per R Road Car R Road Agt West Liberty
five Bales Bagging 1800 yards
Eleven Coils Rope weighing 1228 pounds
for which please forward receipt to this office

Yours Respectfully
L. C. Wells Capt & Agt
per Lemar

Houston Jany 17th 1865

R Rd Agent
West Liberty

Sir

I have Shipped 6 day to
your Care for D A Orris Cold Springs
five Bales Bagging and Eleven Coils
Rope which please forward to him

Yr Respectfully
L C Wells Capt & Agt
per [illegible]

Capt. Bureau Dept. L. Negs
Hamilton Sandy Hy. 1865

F. A. Lewis Esq. Cpt
Cold Spring.

Sir

I enclose papers for your signature — to carry out the arrangement proposed in yours of 11th inst, & in payment of your services as per statement sent me — viz:

#20 — Services account — $600.25
#21 — Sales to 15th Inst — 600.91 —

And as you recall the Cotton to Govt. I cancel your original account for 11 B/C. & 118 Ox new issue — You will please return the two former papers to me & I cancel the latter until I hear from you & pay it quite —

This entitles you to the following amounts.

$ 10 — Balance — 600.25
$ 10 — Balance — 600.25
$ 20 — Balance — 1200.50

which I send to day by Express to Genl Gregg & will mail these papers by first reliable conveyance after they receive proper Signature —

Thanking you for all such

C. W. Ulett
Capt & C

Central Bureau, Dept of Miss
Vicksburg, Miss. May 17. 1865

Lt Col H. Dwight Cap Agt
Vicksburg.

Sir.

I have your communication of 16th inst. covering State-
ment of delivery of R/C to D. D. Walker in payment
of freight accounts in settlement of which I now
enclose vouchers for his signature, viz:

For Sundries account — $274.92
" " Sales of R/Cotton 274.98

Please return them to me signed —
I also hand you Requisition No. 823 — from
D. D. Walker for 11 R/R — 1776 lbs —
which he desires to have delivered before May 1st —
If you wish to render it available —
I will send to Mem. for permits for net
the certificates you have enclosed are by Cash
mail. I will continue to ship as up to 25th inst.

(Very respectfully)
your obt
G. E. Wells
Capt AQM

I have given also
Cash for Requisition
D. D. Walker. 2 R/R
$548.82 one thousand.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Mis 394
Houston, Jany 19. 1866

G. F. Fletcher Esq
Millican,

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 16th inst with statement of Cotton paid you by Mr Dean - I now send you Transportation #822 for 7 BC, in your favor - You will have to send it to San Antonio before 1st Feby if you wish to make it available -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & AQ

Statement returned as requested -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mis
Houston Jany 19. 1866

R. C. Dean Esq Agt -
Millican

Sir.

I see that Mr Fletcher has been paid 7 Bales in part of the order I gave him on you - Please send me a memo. of the bale - that is I want where purchased - I cannot complete my returns without the information -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & AQ

Captain Bonneau, Dept Quartermaster
Houston, January 1st 1866

Lt. Col. H. T. Brandt
Shreveport, La.

Dear Sir

I write one line to inform you that

C. G. Wells
Capt & AQM

Captain Bonneau's Office
Houston January 1st 1866

Bvt Lt. Col. McClennand
Quartermaster

Sir

I have the honor to report that the enclosed and note contains,

The remittance of $1245 from Wm Kilgore for 50 Blankets was received by you on the 11th inst.
Enclosed please find remittance
Bill $123 from Simons & Williams for 10 bales 45 cts $44.00
" 1236 " L. de Cuff " 50 " 17.50
The other items of your letter will be duly attended to.

Very Respectfully
your obedient
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Houston January 17. 1866 396

Major A. H. Wellis
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed find the following exemptions which please exchange for 40 permits, and when exchanged enclose the permits to me—

No 1211	January 17	Farn D. Harris	for	10	bales	5057	lbs
" 1212	"	"	"	1	"	510	"
" 1231	"	"	"	10	"	5057	"
" 1234	"	"	" J. J. Carothers	16	"	6661	"
" 1233	"	"	" J. W. Chadwick	25	"	11250	"
" 1235	"	"	" J. G. Banks	100	"	46000	"
" 1232	"	"	" V. N. Campbell	25	"	12260	"
" 1241	"	"	" W. W. Logan	18	"	9000	"
" 1242	"	"	" Nat Thomas	10	"	5000	"
" 1243	"	"	" Fred Tate	6	"	3000	"
" 1244	"	"	" Walton & Walton	35	"	17500	"
" 1245	"	"	" J. G. Banks	20	"	12000	"
" 1246	"	"	" Thos Slack	15	"	7500	"
" 1247	"	"	" B. Steffnel	1	"	500	"
" 1248	"	"	" F. F. Shaw	5	"	2500	"
" 1249	"	"	" "	10	"	5000	"
" 1250	"	"	" E. A. Williams	8	"	4000	"
" 1239	"	"	" W. E. Cook	10	"	5000	"
" 1240	"	"	" J. R. Hunt	20	"	10000	"
" 1238	"	"	" W. L. McGown	10	"	5000	"
" 1257	"	"	" Jos L. Gay	28	"	4000	"
" 1252	"	"	" W. H. Williams	11	"	5500	"
" 1253	"	"	" A. Keel	3	"	1125	
" 1254	"	"	" Thos Robinson	1	"	450	

Very respy
yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Send Invoice No 1235 for one hundred bales
Also " " Certificates & permits
for same " " herein
above

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Lakes,
Nashville, Jany 27. 1865

Capt. W. D. Hoe agent
Paducah -

Capt -

I have your favor of 18th inst & note contents - In reply to your enquiry I will state that Maj Gen. Thos. are entitled to use the facilities the Govt. can afford them. If possible to do so please allow them the use of the Rachels to bring the remainder of their Cotton from Johnsonville.

The contract with them was made by Col Broadwell, and I am instructed by them to give them all the assistance in my power - Anything done or in the same way will be fully warranted by the contract -

Very respy
Your obt
C. B. Wells
Capt

Maj Gen Thomas Have sent Brigade and Div Hdqrs to Johnsonville for the purpose of protecting Cotton - Please bring such cotton as you can -

C. B. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Texas, Sep. 19. 1865

Colonel -

I have your favors of 14th & 19th Inst. & note contents - I trust your letter to Maj Russell will be productive of some Cotton for King & Co - The gentlemen are peaceably disposed in their attendance at my shrine & I am hard [illegible] it to answer their demands - I feel strongly inclined to favor them on account of the extent of their claims & the amount payments they have received, but I am almost at the end of my rope & I can think of nothing beyond what I have said - The Austin & Washington Counties I have exempted their receipts almost in contravention of the agreement not to buy Cotton after Oct 24th - & if the people will continue to deliver for ten days longer as they are doing now I am hopeful that I will be able to pay all the claims - The firearms just now for speculations is very great & I will take advantage of it up to the last moments

I return your Capt. Davidheiser's letter - He is averse, but loyalty is to be done first, this existing & this I have made the demands known to

The arrangement with Capt Bloch by which the Sampson got the Cotton you sent, did not be very favorable to me - I have [illegible] from you which I have given them, that you get no advance of his early return enquire & the return are to remain [illegible] me in the meantime [illegible] - He cannot seem to do it to get this promise that he will return it to me when the pressure upon them is over -

I would see the Exchange you appear to get - If you have no better place I quit it and run over

regret the receipt of Telegrams from our Court Clerk of the Court, directing me not to empanel - I have just received the affidavits from agents which would empanel me 200 Rolls in Matagorda County. Clearing the lot. 600 Rolls of John Hancock - When I wrote you in reference to Judge Gray the necessity of securing his co-operation I had a presentiment that improvements would not be made. Under the circumstances it is certainly better that they have not been attempted - So far we have done pretty well & there not empaneled at all - Luckily the odium of empanelment is not attached to the Bonum, however much another Department of the service seeks to rob Uncle of it in advance by advertisements printed at us -

I see what will come of it & will apply to move to Grant Walker for empanelment of the above 200 Rolls - If we get well & good - If not Gray will cannot blame us -

Maj Davis has cleared himself, I think - The Agents have no ~~cause~~ to complain against ~~that~~ they deserve public commendation for what they have achieved - They have acted like Majors with a few exceptions -

We Cole returns the August letter. Thanks for your courtesy Mess & Smith's Records are here - in lots of 200 Rolls each - The River is up now & they should be done soon with the balance of the Cotton -

I thank you for Col Smith's authorization & pray you to counsel in the Agents cases - So far Judge Lewis has failed, in this District, to obtain indictments of ~~any~~ Violators & Evaders in Matagorda County -

Yr. Obt. Servt.

Respectfully

Callaw Bureau of Fr
Hanover Jany 1st 1865

engaged
Ge

[illegible] receipt of yours of the 28th ult with
[illegible] named and note contents
Enclosed please find

[illegible] Pass for 20 Balloons
[illegible] fol Ingham & Co

I will send you another
[illegible] I have become to have them made up
I have sent everything
[illegible] of parties who have not yet returned
[illegible] This to be exchanged for this formula
[illegible] goods

Respy
your Obt Svt
Lt Jno. Wells
Comdg Balloon Dept

Galveston Bureau O. of M. 401
Galveston June 15th 1865

[illegible]

Dear Sir

I have to day mailed to Maj Wells to
the care of [illegible] for his pension papers my exemption
papers for Cotton & Gossypium for 6 bales
the Government requires the
Gossypium required to be burnt
and also my exemption to be burnt
as I am informed by Maj Wells and others
very truly
your Obt
Serv
G. G. Wells
Capt 1st U.S. Vol

Cotton Bureau, Capt Geo. G. Wells
Houston, June 17. 1865

A. N. Dalton Esq Capt
Assistant

Dear -

For two weeks - running after papers I send you Exemption &
Oath for G. G. Wells - 11 My Cotton - 1200 lbs - Did you
receive it? I cannot find that you send it - If you have the
Exemption on hand please forward it to Major Wells
at once & get mine to send you the permit - Have
received send it to G. W. Wells at Stafford's Point by
mail - Please write me - If you did not
receive it I must look it up.

Very respy your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt 1st U.S. Vol

Custom House, Collr's Office
Houston, Jany 18. 1845

G. T. Warren Esq
Galveston.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Covington handed me your letter of 16th inst. in relation to the assessment of freight and dockage of Ships not Here - It is right that the Govt. should pay for the detaining of Ships - You can draw on me for the amount, or collect it when you come down. State in your draft the weight of the Barq Ship, & the distance towed.

Very respy.
Your obt Svt
G. T. Wood
Collr Pt.

Custom House, Dept Trans Office
Charleston, Jany 29. 1870

H. D. Cooke Esq Gth
Georgetown.

Sir

I have your favor of the 26th inst. with enclosures.

I now order, in settlement of account of H. H. Cochran vouchers for his signature (3).

For Service account - $216.98
" Pilot. Depredation 29.00
" Repairs " for Depredation
1870 " for H. H. Cochran -

Please have the vouchers duly executed & returned to me -

I wish Saturday to report to Dept. the date they are to assume the duties you each have with the view to make the necessary transfer -

Very truly
Yours
G. Walker
Supt T.S.

Bottom Bureau Office
Houston January 17 1895

Lieut J H Hobbie
San Antonio

Please find the following manifests—

1524	Jan 17	Am J. D Cunningham	for 8 bales		1524	bales
1525	"	"	J M Haynie	7	3348	"
1526	"	"	"	12	5505	"
1527	"	"	"	12	5505	"
1528	"	"	"	12	5505	"
1529	"	"	"	12	5505	"
1530	"	"	"	3	1374	"
1531	"	"	John Rogers	9	4493	"
1532	"	"	J. M Bunnell	15	7652	"
1533	"	"	W. H Rawlings	4	2000	"
1534	"	"	E L Tomes	10	5050	"
1535	"	"	W H Mansson	5	2500	"
1536	"	"	J. B Robinson	30	15000	"
1537	"	"	"	25	12500	"
1538	"	"	"	25	12500	"
1539	"	"	"	38	19000	"
1540	"	"	"	25	12500	"
1541	"	"	"	25	12500	"
1542	"	"	R T Howell ✓	25	11000	"
1543	"	"	" ✓	25	11250	"
1544	"	"	" ✓	25	12250	"
1545	"	"	" ✓	25	12000	"
1546	"	"	"			

Please indicate permanent
manifest No 1277 from J. M Bunnell and (3) bales
of 5 bales each— Manifest No 1279 E L Tomes
and 2 of 5 bales each— Manifest from Jno Rogers
dated 2 of 5 bales each— Manifest No 1278
dated 2 of 5 bales each— Manifest from J. M Baker
dated 2 of 5 bales each— Manifest No 1272
Please acknowledge receipt of this.

Very Respt
[illegible]

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Cathw Duncan. Kept Ft Mass
Houston, Jany 18. 1845

Major A. H. Hillei, U.S,
San Antonio,

Major-

I have your favor of 16th Inst. covering twenty blank permits as stated - Thank you again - I shall only use them at the very last moment -

I now hand you two claims for permits - in favor of Samuel Cley Wm. H. H. Browning - Col. Hutchins has endorsed them & I have made one myself, if it is worth anything in that connection. I think you also have this among the Hutchins permits you were to issue when requested, & I hope you will conclude to issue the permits upon them.

My personal feeling is a matter of this kind, of course should have no weight with you - but my feelings are strongly enlisted with Browning owing to his friendly disposition towards the Bernard, and the assistance he has rendered us in this neighborhood - But for his aid we would have failed to get Hardy near Chapel Hill, which was secured for Court through his endeavors. He is not entitled to pay for his voluntary services, nor can he be placed by giving him a permit - but under the two cases you are constituted a reason why his claim should be considered as favorably as possible, even if we obtain a permit to do so. He has turned over to us his Cotton at home. Please send us the permits -

Respectfy. yours &c
J. C. Hedly
Capt & C

J. H. Browning 24 Leg
do do.

Ft Bend Co near Clinton, Lagrange - Texas -

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Sept 28. 1865

D.C. Anderson Esq Agt
Millican.

Sir.

Relative to Mr. E. Bustamente, Agent of Maya & Kennedy all the Cotton you have in hand or may acquire in Brazos County. His receipts, or that of his Agent the A. Officer will be a sufficient voucher for any Cotton you may deliver to them. Send this Receipt to this Office.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Sept 28. 1865

Capt. C. McCormick A.Q.M.
Galveston.

Sir.

I enclose herewith a receipt given by Mr. Bustamente, Agent of Maya & Kennedy for Cotton delivered to them by the Quartermaster at Brazos Santiago. You will please forward to me the return vouchers for the same, delivered to Mr. Bustamente or Agents on Brazos.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

X Cotton Bureau 2 TW
Houston January 28 98

Major A. H. Willis
San Antonio

Major

Please find enclosed the following certificates, on which please issue your permits of exportation, and when issued mail the permits to me

C. # 333	Jany 15	For or J. D. Davis	for	3	bales	1550	lbs
" 1293	"	"	Jas Staffelfeld	"	35	"	15000	"
" 1288	"	"	Jas Lowrie	"	9	"	4914	"
" 1290	"	"	J. McStalon	"	6	"	2940	"
" 1295	"	"	Overton Young	"	90	"	41400	"
" 1291	"	"	Jno D. Gurnett	"	10	"	4978	"
" 1292	"	"	J. J. Woodman	"	9	"	4777	"
" 1243	Nov 15	"	Green Wood	"	8	"	4124	"
" 1245	"	"	"	"	9	"	4528	"

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Insp't Hd Qrs

Cotton Bureau # 109
Houston Jany 18. 1865—

Brigd Gen A. H. Willis
San Antonio
Dear

Please find enclosed the following memphis which please exchange for six permits, and when exchanged mail the permits to me—

Invoice-Jany 18 from E. W. Pattrick & B Roach for 40 bales 19200 lbs

" 1299	"	"	"	50	24000 "
" 1300	"	"	"	10	4800 "
" 1301	"	"	J. L. Hunt & J. J. Scott	150	72000 "
" 1302	"	"	J. H. Seward & Bro	48	24187 "
" 1303	"	"	Thos J Goodwin	6	2880 "
" 1304	"	"	O G Campstan	50	24000 "
" 1305	"	"	J. B. Evans	20	9600 "
" 1306	"	"	F M Saunders	18	8641 "
" 1307	"	"	Wm F Harrison	16	7689 "
" 1308	"	"	J. B. Moore	10	4800 "
" 1309	"	"	F L Randle	100	48000 "

Please divide exchange No 1301 from Hunt & Scott into three permits of 50 bales each and No 1309 from Randle into 3 permits

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Ja G. Wells
Capt & A Q M

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jo Miss
Houston, June 18. 1865.

General.

I have the honor to request that you cause an immediate impressment of the Cotton of the following named persons, residents of Matagorda County, who have refused to sell to their Cotton to Government on the terms proposed in the circular dated June 20th 1864.

viz:

Enoch Brown	who owns	200 to 250 Bales.
John Keenan	" "	500 . 600 "
Capt. Matthews	" "	200 "
George Williames	" "	200 . 300 "

I enclose the affidavit of J. C. Hutchinson, Agent in each case. Also the circular of Cotton Bureau of June 20. 64. also copy of Gen Smiths letter of Dec 6th 64 giving instructions to be made in such cases.

I respectfully request that you send an Officer to Matagorda County fully authorized to impress the whole of the Cotton owned by the above parties, as found in their possession. Of course it is understood that the impressment shall be made in accordance with the Act of Congress regulating impressments.

I am, General, very respectfully
Your obdt svt
W. G. Hully
Capt & C.S.A.
Actg. Chf. for Jos.

To
Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest
Commdg Dist Texas &c
Houston.

2 Telegraphs from Shreveport La -
Dated. January 18th 1865 -
To Capt G. G. Wells -

Request Major Wallis to record Permits
as follows - Williams McMasters. 3 Bales -
Lt. J. Scott. 24 Bales - necessary papers
mailed this day -

Lt. A. Broadnax
A.A.C.

(Col 10th)

A True Copy
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Custom House Office Galveston
Galveston January 18. 1865 -

Major.

I have & herewith enclose copy of a despatch received today from Lieut. Broadnax - Please give it your attention -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Major A. W. Wallis,
San Antonio -
Texas -

Cattle Bureau. Dept of Texas
Houston, Jany 18. 1865

Lt Col. Wallis C.S.
San Antonio.

Colonel

I am just in receipt of a letter from Capt
W. T. Brooks of Falls County, asking for three persons
exempted to gather cattle in San Antonio - I
now enclose Copy of my letter to him of Nov 21st last,
by which you will see the Exemptions were sent
to care of Capt Swisher - Please enquire into
the matter & if the permits have not been received
please see the Exemptees & now send you, viz.

No 349	W. G. Goggins	8 Wife -	1870 Children
" 350	James B. Battle	9 "	1872 "
" 351	do	2 "	1862 "

& send me the permits - I keep a book out for
exemptions & they appear in future - If the
persons have already been exempted please return
me the enclosed application

I enclose also - No 352. A.M.P. Brown & Co.
1870 Children - Please send me the permit in course
of mail.

I am at a loss to know how to provide for the
free passage of the Petitioners & Detachments -
Have you now arranged it for them, & if
not the sooner it is done the better will not be moved
until after Petitions rec'd How can you do so any
sooner - Could not Maj Mathews better provide
transports for them? Should there be this embarrassment
until the Petitions are filed?

Very respy your obt Servt
G. W. Wells Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 18. 1865

E. Bartlett Esq Cpt
Marlin, Falls Co.

Sir.

I have yours of 11th Inst & note contents - I have just sent Duplicate exemptions for Col Battle & Mr. Scruggins & San Antonio, & the permits will be sent to me - When received I will send them to you -

If you want to be paid for your services send me a statement of the Cotton you have purchased for you - actually on hand & delivered - include all the Negro' work on your account - & will credit it as such with cost of same where the ratio is - If you prefer it you can select a small lot of Cotton that will pay you - or if you have Cotton of your own & prefer speculating on it will be credited in that way - If you take Cotton send me a statement of the weight and classification - You have not much time to lose -

Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
A. G. Hall
Comp't

Cotton Bureau & Tax
Houston Janᵉ 19, 1865

Wᵐ H Baker Esq
Chappell Hill

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th instᵒ enclosing a
cotton permit to Gruett for 9 Bls and have a
the same to you.

The certificate in this case I
will have to withhold until a further matter is settled.

It appears from the records
of this office that Mr Gruett delivered Ben Stone at
Chappell Hill on which he received the usual certificate
of transportation at double rates, as for bailed cotton
which Mr Stone was requested called for. Mr Gruett
afterwards obtained from Mr Cook agt at Hempstead
the usual passing and rope for this same cotton
cotton, as it at the time was supposed he had
received pay for bailed cotton, and at the same time
has received the higher rate.

The only way to settle the
matter is for Mr Gruett either to return the bagging
and rope for the 9 bales he received from Mr Cook
to return here for cancellation the certificate he received
and have it changed to single rates and the Dᵗ Rate
deducted. Please see and have this matter settled
& oblige me.

Very Respy
yr Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Supt & Agt

Cotton Bureau
Houston January 10

T. J. Cook Esq Agt
Freedmens
Sir

I am in receipt of yours three forms of the 8th inst_ and four of the 9th inst and note contents_ The enclosures stated came duly to hand & the exemptions have been issued on all yours & Frasier & receipted to Major Willis to be sent over for his permits_

As requested I will make and send you a/c on your certificates, and will hold the B/R for it so obtained on certificates from you, until you call for them_

The matter of J. Rivers has been attended to_

The cotton you sent samples of, could not contract with Peel & Cainer we could receive no Indian cotton_

In regard to J. S Gunnells D & R the 19 bales he delivered Ben Stone was hauled to town, and on Mr Stones certificate I made him out a D & R for this certificate of five bales. The only way to correct the error now is for him to return the certificate of 5 to be changed to simple notes & B & R destroyed. or else return 5 of the B & R. you gave him for 19 bales he delivered Ben Stone.

The certificate of [illegible] to be issued on your certificate in his favor of even date. I will hold under your advice the B/R for 5 bales until I hear from you, or for the certificate of [illegible]

Dear Sir I am about leaving
London and what bill it belongs to
amount and method it can be sent
might be found enclosed
Very Respt
Yr obt Svt
S. G. Wells

London Jany 12 1826

La Rochelle Esq
Bordeaux

Sir

All details not required in the bank for
be considered as finished at 12
I like mine to see for details
to bank either

Please keep the address here
pass authority to enclose bank to London
and I think you can obtain a new detail through
there

Very Respt
Yr obt Svt
S. G. Wells
Bankers

Custom House Collr's. Office
Hamilton, Jany 19. 1846 —

Lieut Preston Harvey —

Your please attention to the order of Ball Hutchings & Co — at Sandy Point Texas ninety Bales Cotton sold to U. S. Govt a Steam vessel will be in readiness upon arrival to receive same —

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Hall
Collr

Custom House Collr's Office
Hamilton Jany 19. 1846 —

Capt J. A. Black. Qr M
Texas Expedition

Sir.

Lt Col Cross writes me that you have not received the Bagging & Rope & Cotton from this port — Please to do so at once & forward to me what you get —

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Hall
Collr

Cotton Bureau 2. 5 W
Canton Jany 19. 1865 418

Treasr & H Wells
San Antonio

Treasr

Inclosed find the following exemptions which please exchange for yr per rels, and mail the permits to me-

Ext	1310	Jany	18	From	W G. Austin	for	4 bales	1526 lbs
"	1311	"	"	"	J. D Gurieth	"	15 "	7338 "
"	1312	"	"	"	J. W. Ekandrew	"	2 "	1050 "
"	12-89	"	"	"	Ben H Thomas	"	10 "	4480 "
"	1303½	"	"	"	Farell Vincent	"	5 "	2505 "
"	469	Oct	12	"	W. P. B. Gaines	"	23 "	13447 "
"	1296	Jany	10	"	A E Stratton	"	40 "	21000 "
"	1297	"	"	"	"	"	25 "	12500 "
"	1304	"	"	"	J R Banks	"	10 "	4786 "
"	1316	"	"	"	H W Bendy	"	23 "	10180 "
"	1317	"	"	"	"	"	23 "	10186 "
"	1318	"	"	"	J. L. Lazenby	"	10 "	5024 "
"	1319	"	"	"	Elenira Franks	"	5 "	2500 "
"	1320	"	"	"	E R Lavender	"	5 "	2370 "
"	1321	"	"	"	Wm McCullar	"	4 "	1912 "

very Resply
yr obt Svt
W. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Ft Miss
Houston Jany 19. 1865 -

C.A.P. Cazneau Esq
Waco,

Dear Sir -

I have your favors of Dec 29th & Jany 9th & thank you for enclosures - I paid your draft favor of R.S. Burke to-day. I now enclose two orders for your signature viz:

$ 100 - Sales of B/C - $317.87 being in payment of your services & freight accts - Please return d^o to me sign'd - The appointment has been sent to Maj Miller, & I will send you the Journals as soon as received or hold it subject to your order as you may direct -

In reply to yours inquiring as to the impression one that you were acting as Agent for private parties, I gave the names of Lt A. Asgood & Major R.C. Rountree - The latter gentleman is our inspecting officer for this district - The former I knew nothing of, except that he would not desire me for an agent - Being at a loss to know whom to appoint in your counties I authorized Mr J.H. McClenahan to make the appointments - Mr Asgood had no authority to offer the Agencies to any one -

Please send me your opinion of Agents in Shreveport, stating the loss of the 9 Bales of Bowerman Cotton as finally as you can - I must have some voucher to enable me to account for it -

I write McClenahan to day to take the Cotton & Bags & Rope out of your way - I thank you for what you have done to aid me in carrying out my orders & regret exceedingly that any difference should have arisen - As I told you before I have no complaint to make except your agency for other

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tn Miss
Houston, Jany 19. 1865

Major A. S. Calvert Jnr
Adjutant.

Majr.-

I have your favors of 5th & 9th inst. & note contents. As requested I now send you the cert. of R. Hilliker late Regt. Hilliker - Before surrendering the acct. to him I require him to give you Capt. Harris' original certificate. Please cancel it & send it to me - I issued the appointment to Capt. Harris' duplicate, & should have the original - I look to you to see that Hilliker does not get my cert. of A. until he surrenders the certificate.

If you have difficulty with the detailed men you have I would advise you to turn them over to the Enrolling Officers - But if you need the services of any of them you had better retain them, as it will be difficult to have them re-detailed.

I have no information about the new organization other than as published in the papers the Judge Bragg - I learn of the Bureau Officers will be retained by the Govt as Bureau Agents - The reorganization will have nothing to do (as I understand it) with their business for the Bureau - I expect to be there one week at most & it will be extended - The 1st Reg't since the - dark as day of justice for some of us - I never was so literally worried & [illegible] before -

Very respy
Your obt svt
J. C. Mitchell
Capt &c

Boston Bureau U. S. A.
[illegible], 1865

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[illegible]

Boston Sept 25

Sir; I am in receipt of yours of the 11th & 12th inst. at
[illegible] & enclosed find the following certificates &c.s-
[illegible] the exemptions Hatch usually accounts for
[illegible] at Major Hillie at San Antonio to whom you
[illegible] is forward of expectations-

Certificate from	J. W. Baldwin	for	$ 1164.50
" "	W. S Hague	"	345.90
" "	L D Leath	"	302.20
" "	Louis L Jones	"	556 00
" "	F. W Kimball	"	767 32
" "	[illegible]	"	544 37
" "	[illegible]	"	[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Houston January 19th 1865

Ben Stones Esqr

Dear Sir

I have Shipped to you by to days Train, Six Coils Kentucky Rope weighing 795 pounds for which please send receipt to this Office

Respectfully
C.C. Wells Collier
pr Lucas

Treasury Department

To John Ingraham
Collector

Sir I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to request that you will cause to be paid to the Collector of Customs at San Antonio Texas the sum of one thousand two hundred and thirty one dollars for the purchase of Cotton Bales, delivered at that port

By the Secretary

Cotton Bureau 2nd Div
Washington January 17, 1865

To W Fawcett Esq
Agt
San Antonio

Sir

Please find enclosed an Office order from John Ingraham for $1231.00 in favor of Bales of Cotton purchased by him for the use of this Department and delivered at San Antonio to be exchanged for permits, and the permits will be sent you as soon as received from them

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
W. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Houston Jany 17.

Davis Esqr
Red Springs

I have received of you
[illegible]

I acknowledge from J. H. Bateman for $ 116.50
" " W. L Hague " 34.90
" " L. S Booth " 22.00
" " Saml L Gage " 850.00
" " F. M. Powell " 19.32
" " " " 100.37

I have also rec'd and
marked to your Title exemplars from J D Dani-
el Esqr Judge Mayes &c & may God in and will
send you the permits & receipts acknowledgments
of the several debts of the estate

I have also sent pursuant
exemplars from J H Booth and three six references
for 21 Cases

The Bill of Lading will have been
shipped to Galveston

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
L. J. Sidney
Postmaster

Cotton Bureau D F &c
Thibodaux Jany 19, 1865

Col L A Miller agt
Donaldsonville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 12 & 13 inst and note contents

Enclosed find the following certificates which have forwarded the employees not usually accompanying them to Major Mills to be exchanged for his pencils

Certificate of	Jno McManus	for	$737.93
"	"	"	F L Hawthorn	"	561.78
"	"	"	Steamer Boy	"	40.99
"	"	"	Chief Oladon	"	1664.59
"	"	"	John F Smith	"	44.90
"	"	"	Charles Bragley	"	1338.74
"	"	"	F. K. Bailey	"	498.20
"	"	"	J. J. Anderson	"	413.18

Mr Vedder has been written to inform you of the D & R—

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Jno G. Mills
Capt & A A Gen

Enclosed I also forward your certificates
from J F Aldridge for $631.15
" Capt P. Jones " 475.16

I have also forwarded the
application in these cases for the pencils—

Respectfully

Cotton Bureau D T M
Houston Jany 19. 1865

H. E Hadens Esq
Brackett

Sir

I have to day mailed to Col S. A Miller A.
at Brackett certified abstracts from S. P Jones and
S. P Eldridge and have forwarded their exemptions to
Capt. Wells at San Antonio to be exchanged for
Pass fee bills—

Very Respy
your obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.M.

Cotton Bureau D T M
Houston Jany 19. 1865

E. A Sandel Esq agt
Lubbock

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs of the 10th inst
& note contents— The freight cars you desire will
be sent you on Monday the superintendent
says he can not send them to morrow

Respy
your obt Svt
Lo G. Wells
Capt & A.C.M.

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Cotton Bureau D.S.
Houston Jany 19, 1865

Majr Gen H H Wells
San Antonio

Sir

I have fwd enclosed the following exemptions, which please exchange for yr permits, and mail ole permits to me—

No 609	acts	26	Foon	H. H. Browning	for 11 bales		5619	lbs
" 1151	Jany	18	"	D J. Hill	"	25	11250	"
" 1152	"	"	"	J. G. Bell	"	~~50~~ 33	16500	"
" 1195	Jany	18	"	Lilenah	"	15	6743	"
" 1243	"	19	"	T. W Bagby	"	31	13885	"
" 1322	"	"	"	"	"	31	13885	"
" 1115	"	"	"	W. B. Gaines	"	8	4000	"
" 1021	"	"	"	H. McGrace	"	50	26169	"

~~Exempt~~ exemption
~~Permit~~ No 609 in favor of Boon — please issue your permit in name of J H Thompson—

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
H. H. Wells
Capt A A Gen

Cotton Bureau D F M
Houston Janz 19, 1864 128

Major A H Willis
San Antonio

Major

Enclosed find the following exemptions
please exchange for Gt permits and
mail the permits to me.

No 1340.	Janz 19	From	A S Fairchild	for	21	bales	13176 pds
" 1341	"	"	H Chaffin	"	2	"	922 "
" 1342	"	"	E. G. Hodges	"	20	"	10124 "
" 1343	"	"	A G. Needles	"	6	"	2852 "
" 1344	"	"	Isaac Nelson	"	28	"	14505 "
" 1345	"	"	P. H Kittrell	"	50	"	25550 "
No 1346	"	"	A. D Lufkin	"	138	"	62490 "
" 1347	"	"	L. J. Hamilton	"	50	"	10459 "
" 1348	"	"	Richard Craig	"	50	"	25958 "
" ~~1346~~	"	"	~~Lufkin~~	"	~~138~~	"	~~62490~~ "
No 1347	"	"	A. D Lufkin	"	138	"	62490 "
" 1348	"	"	A B Maulsin	"	50	"	29917 "
" 1349	"	"	L. N Green	"	25	"	11438 "
" 1350	"	"	H B. Swanson	"	20	"	9827 "
" 1351	"	"	L. M. Swanson	"	27	"	12536 "
" 1352	"	"	Jno. G Cook	"	25	"	12500 "
" 1353	"	"	Jacob Colhaun	"	25	"	11936 "
" 1354	"	"	Geo R Howard	"	9	"	4241 "
" 1355	"	"	W. A Whitney	"	40	"	21000 "
" 1356	"	"	R. G. Oldham	"	22	"	11000 "
" 1357	"	"	N O Nesbell	"	25	"	12500 "
" 1358	"	"	Hugh F Young	"	61	"	30500 "
" 1359	"	"	M. F Hamilton	"	5	"	2300 "
" 1360	"	"	Alex McDonald	"	8	"	1121 "
" 1350	"	"	B. R. Binder	"	3	"	1500 "

Cancelled see No 1346 [illegible]

Major A D Lufkin please send 4 permits

4 for 50 Bales each — 200 Bales
2 " 30 " " — 60 "
" 16 " — 16

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Jany 19th 1865

Majr A. H. Hillie, C.S.
San Antonio.

Majr.

Inclosed my Exemptions for Jno Ring & Co.

No 340	1000 Bales	issue 8 qrs 00	4 50
" 341	1000 "	" 8 " 00	4 50
" 342	1.200 "	" 10 " 00	4 50
" 346	1.000 "	" 8 " 00	4 50

in your hands for Brownsville, & send them to me.

They are intended to provide for the deliveries I expect to make them during the months of February & March - I will hold them all myself until the deliveries are actually made and such as are not covered by deliveries of Cotton I will cancel & return to you.

People seem to be wild now on the subject of Cotton - I am overrun just now with Agents certificates, and I fear I annoy you with the results of my labors here.

A few days, however, will relieve us both of the burden of the work - I am heartily glad of it -

Very respectfully
Your obt
G. E. Hall
Capt & Q M

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, Jany 20. 1865.

John Echols Esq
Brazos Bottom, Burleson Co.

Sir

Enclosed to Mr. D.C. Greer agent of this Bureau the Permit Orders, for your Cotton possessions, purchased some three years ago by an Agent named Kinnan & by him transferred to a Mr Pengueson.

Mr. Greer's receipt upon the back of this order will be a good voucher to you, and I will be responsible in my official capacity for the Cotton should the validity of your delivery be called in question by any authorized party.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Cotton Bureau

Capt. C. G. Wells is fully authorized to receive the receipts for the above Cotton

W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & ACG

Cotton Bureau Dept. Jr. Miss
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

Major H. P. Bee Jun.
Rio Grande City

Major.

I have your favor of 7th inst with enclosures - for which thank you.

You can safely receipt to Major Talbert for the Cotton shipped from his district - to Major Hollis for that from San Antonio - to me from any district, including all forwarded by McKinney - Your such as are now receiving at Rio Grande City & will duly on your certificate to the parties & will invoice the Cotton to you -

Very respy

Your Brevets did not reply to my lett. - if he is still within speaking distance please ask him to do so.

I remain
Yours truly
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept. Jr. Miss
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

Major A. W. Hollis A.A.G.
San Antonio.

Major.

I am in receipt of yours favor of 14th inst covering 50 Blank Permits as stated -

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

P. H. McGranahan Esq A.A.
Partners Bleach'y, Andersons P.

Sir.

I still owe Mr Zacharie ($2.401 44/100) Two thousand four hundred and fifty one 44/100 dollars which you will please pay mine - Do not exceed this amount - Send me a statement of the Relieving as early as you can -

Any cotton Cotton you may have please hold subject to the order of Major Charles Russell C.S. at San Antonio - Advise Mine as soon as you can of the number of Bales you can Ship over to Mine - Let me know also -

Mr Osgood says I you must a permit to convey 2 a Bales of your own Cotton, in full payment of your services - I cannot give you a permit for that purpose - but I can buy 2 Bales from you pay you for 2 & give you another permit, & then you & Osgood will arrange it the same thing to you -

So unable me to do so Send me your account shewing No of Bales purchased, actually received & delivered - The Cotton you have contracted for but which will not be delivered to you, you must not include - I will then make up your papers & send you the permits - Send me the Statements at once -

Very respy your obt svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Galveston Jany 20. 1866

Maj. Genl Sheridan
New Orleans.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in accordance with your instructions of the 16th inst I have visited Major Wallis' district and have collected accounts, viz:

E. Bagnell	Aug 24th	$1882.50
J. H. Kennedy	July 26	1441.25
do	Aug 27	1331.25

being nearly the entire amount

Collected by

G. G. Wells
Captain

Cotton Bureau D. C.
Houston Jany 20, 1864 434

Col. [illegible] Bingham Esq agt
Fort Sullivan

Sir

I am in receipt of yrs two letters of Jany — and will answer

Yours relative to Mr Patrick Collins I will refer to Mssrs Kingsbs. of this place who have
charge to attend to affairs.

I have received your certificates
of Mssrs Perkins — & H White — Wm Kellogue — H Easter-
wood — L Bass — R Harris — C Sheedman — H R White —
& Macnagale

I have issued exemptions on all
the certificates except that White who received his
discharge at Galveston some time ago —

In Caddle's case I am instructed
by Maj Wells with the request to
decline the permit issued on it to Lt Mc Neal of San Antonio

In Heather case I have
the permits of Maj Wells in hand and they are
subject to yr order —

I will issue permits for the
balance due you for services as Agent.

I am also in receipt of yrs
of the 5th inst inclosing certificate from of
J B Johnson for 6 Bls

Very
yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston, June 21. 1865

A. H. Jaison Esq Qt.
La Grange.

Sir,

I have yours favor of 19th Inst Sale contracts, I am glad you have completed the delivery to Brent as this closes the transactions with him, Please get him to sign the enclosed sales for 20 Bales Cotton 5.1.60 & 4 Hhand him the Exemptions & 555. 20 & C - 960 etc - Send me the sales when signed - Soon as I will pay the 5 & Balance due them, here - I have no means of sending it to you -

The enclosures in your letter are not correct - I have paid Capt Sellers the drafts in question -

I sent you your detail several days ago. Genl Robertson granted it when the Bonds had been complied with - I trust you are in receipt of it ere this -

I have no funds yet to pay accounts for recent issue Labor than Sept 1st &c.

Very respy
your obdt Svt
G. G. Groce
Capt & AQ

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, June 21. 1865

W. R. Wheate Esq A.A.-
Anderson,

Sir

I have your favor of 19th Inst & make contents- The Requisitions are forwarded to San Antonio for Issuance as requested -

I send also to San Antonio my exemptions for 4 Bales - You can make the delivery & return the Permit from said.

In settlement of your account I must have your numbers for your signature - viz:

#22 - Services account - $219.50
#44 - Sales 5 Bls Cotton - 259.50
Balance due - $ 68.00

Please sign & return them - I send the Requisition to San Antonio also -

You ask me to make up Certificd account for Wm. H. P. Stoneum, but you talk me to charge him only with 112 the Bags - Send also for his Bagging -

Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
E. R. Wells
Capt & Q

✓

Cotton Bureau Dept. 2nd Trans Miss.
Houston, Jany 21st 1865

E. Cr. Stone Esq Qr-
Brenham.

Dear,

Yours over favor of 18th last Inst contents. You owed me 2/4 of only 440 Bales Cotton - not 98 as you state.

I have sent to San Antonio for a permit for 16 Bales for you, as you request - As soon as the permit is received you can get it from me -

I enclose an Settlement of your services, vouchers for same &c. &c.

1/32 -	Services Mill	$276.10
— 00 -	Sales 5 1/2 Cotton	276.07

which please return to me signed also 1/32 - Percentage Mill & B/C - $552.15 new issue, which I will pay you at any time.

The above entitles you to permits for 16 B/C - which I have sent to San Antonio for - there would not be time to get them as to day Mail. if I send them to your Friend -

I regret the Cargo Ship did not reach you in time - the difficulty in procuring it during the early stage of our operations that caused a loss to Govt of at least 10.000 Bales.

Very respy
Your obt
C. W. Hill
Capt C.

Cotton Bureau D S W
Houston Jany 24. 1865. 438

Major [illegible]
San Antonio

Dear Sir

Enclosed find the following exemptions which please exchange for your permits, and when exchanged [illegible] all the permits as

[illegible] Jany 20 from J. D. Quartt for 9 bales 4892 lbs
[illegible] " 20 " T. B Johnson " 6 " 2819 "
[illegible] " " " Edward Bro " 200 " 96000 "
[illegible] " " " Joseph Gage ✓ " 1 " 490 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] ✓ " 23 " 11589 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] ✓ " 1 " 460 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] ✓ " 50 " 24000 "
[illegible] " " " " " 50 " 24000 "
[illegible] " " " " " 30 " 14400 "
[illegible] " " " J. G Bell " 7 " 3358 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 5 " 2450 "
[illegible] " " " B. S Roach " 6 " 2761 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 10 " 6000 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 13 " 6500 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] ✓ 20 " 10000 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 2 " 1000 "
[illegible] " " " " " 10 " 5000 "
[illegible] " " " " " 10 " 5000 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 4 " 2000 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] ✓ 3 " 1500 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 3 " 1500 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 2 " 1000 "
[illegible] " " " [illegible] " 30 " [illegible]

[illegible]

Cotton Bureau D & M
Houston Jany 21st 1865 439

Capt A. J. Hill
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed find the following Exemptions, which please exchange for yr permits and when exchanged mail the permits to me.

1378	Jany 20	four	H. G. Foote for 16 bales	8000	pounds
1376	"	"	M Walsh " 10 "	4800	"
1403	"	"	L. J. Montgomery " 10 "	5000	"
1404	"	"	H. G. Foote " 31 "	15410	"
1407	"	"	E B. Sawtelle " 5 "	2750	"
1408	"	"	L. J. Montgomery " 6 "	2940	"
1409	"	"	La Gaudens " 25 "	1235	"
1410	"	"	W. J. Jones " 8 "	4680	"
1411	"	"	J. B Lee " 15 "	7929	"
1376	"	"	Mrs M. Mitchell " 16 "	8262	"
1377	"	"	" " 14 "	7224	"
1378	"	"	Louisa Blanco " 16 "	7456	"
1379	"	"	" " 9 "	4264	"
1380	"	"	J. H McMahan Gilbert " 13 "	6244	"
1395	"	"	H. H Higgins " 25 "	11068	"
1400	"	"	Saunders Master " 15 "	7581	"
1397	"	"	G. H Sobersby " 10 "	4800	"
1398	"	"	Saunders Master " 5 "	2400	"
1381	"	"	J. L Peak " 20 "	9600	"
1382	"	"	" " 20 "	9600	"
1383	"	"	" " 10 "	4800	"
1385	"	"	James McLeod " 20 "	9600	"
1386	"	"	" " 20 "	9600	"
1388	"	"	Jno Keller " 5 "	2400	"
1387	"	"	G Swanson " 4 "	1920	"

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Dec 21. 1865

J. L. Sharp Esq
Comy. Matagorda R.

Sir.

I have your favor of 18th inst in regard to the Rope spoken to you some time since. I paid it did not go, owing to neglect of the shipping clerk. I send today to the Adriance for you 2 Coils Kentucky Rope. 250 lbs Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respy
your obt
G. G. Hall
Agt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Dec 22. 1865

S. H. Lane Esq Qt.
Houston.

Dear,

I have your favor of 21st inst covering receipt of Bills V.B. for 500 lbs C. In order to enable me to account for the 1/2 bales which were eaten by Rats I send you affidavit which you will please cause to be executed before a notary public & return to me as early as possible.

Very respy
your obt
G. G. Hall
Agt &c

Cattle Bureau Dept. Interior
Houston, Texas, 21. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq. Pt.
Port Sullivan.

Sir,

I have your two favors of - last - one enclosing the correspondence between yourself & Major Jones. I have not had time to examine it yet as I am now engaged with the Bureau - in regard to the balance which will be due you for your services, I cannot make my final payment, as you do not say whether you accept my propositions only, or will take Bills - Please let me - & in your reply, if you choose the latter send me the specified - Dates and Denominations - Be as speedy as you can, as I do not wish to lose time -

I enclose the Senate Bill, enacting it into law - You can sign it, when you receive it & return it to me -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. W. Wells
Comp. Pt.

Cotton Bureau Dept. of Miss
Houston, Jany 21. 1865

J. Bartlett Esqr Capt -
Marlick. Sabine Co.

Sir.

I have compassed of 10th inst. your contract - for settlement of your & Capt. Lewis' services & enclose vouchers for your signature viz:

1st	Services for old Cotton Office -	108.66	
2d	" " Cotton Bureau	92.25	
3d	Due & receipt paid by you (Dated on the close of this last ofc)	46.50	$ 317.41
4th	Sales of Bales Cotton,	108.67	
4th	" 6 "	208.72	$ 317.39

Here are the above & returned them to me -
I enclose also two receipted accounts viz:
10th - 3 B/C - $ 217.35 (belonging to you)
12th 6 " 417.45 (belonging jointly to you & Capt Lewis)
which you will be responsible for - Hold them until I can pay you. The above settlement entitles you to the following warrants viz:

J. Bartlett for 3.3.46 - - 12 Bales
W. W. Lewis " " 6 "

which I have sent to Genl Custance for which hold subject to your order. -

No sale forces to record on the above vouchers required in my book - also the items of the receipts quoted by you -

Very respectfully your obt Servt
G. W. Giddings
Agt C.B.

Cotton Bureau Dept
Confederate States Jany 20. 1865 443

Capt. W. A. Hollis
San Antonio

Sir

Please find enclosed the following exemptions which please exchange for the permits and return exchanged mail the permits to me

360	"	E. Matthews	"	1012	"	51923	Mill
89	"	J. D. Graham	"	1802	"	24000	
[illegible]	"	J. H. Morris	"	1/8	"	2268	Mill
364	"	W. Wells	"	1/4	"	8500	"
	"	"	"	5	"	1800	"
	"	W. E. Simmons	"	30	"	15000	"
	"	J. H. Powell	"	5	"	2500	"
	"	R. S. Thomas	"	20	"	9000	" Mill
	"	R. H. Bassett	"	4	"	1909	"
	"	Wm Gill	"	3	"	1542	"
916	"	Mrs Shaw	"	8	"	3681	"
	"	"	"	8	"	3681	" Shaw
	"	"	"	70	"	37000	"
	"	J. Wallace	"	6	"	1263	"
	"	"	"	2	"	1049	"
	"	"	"	2	"	1049	" Wallace
	"	W. H. Thomas	"	6	"	2593	"
359	"	S. E. Perkins	"	4	"	1755	" Mill
	"	S. Brantley	"	12	"	6000	" Mill
	"	E. S. Perkins	"	30	"	15000	" Perkins
	"	Paul Carrington	"	25	"	14000	" C. C.
1423	"	W. B. Hancock	"	1	"	4000	" Mill
585	Acs 2	Sarah Hamner	"	1	"	2438	" Mill
		~~C. C. Hatton~~					
	"	F. P. Walker	"	30	"	15000	" Mill
359	"	L. B. Buckner	"	5	"	2500	" Mill
1405	"	C. R. Haigwood	"	50	"	20000	" Mill

Please indemnify me to 360

Houston May 24. 1865

R. S. Calder Esq
Savannah,

Sir -

Please buy for me 1 Barrel of good mild
flat hard, and one do good Bacon - all
sides if procurable - though a few shoulders & Hams
if more cannot will be no objection - You can
get these things in your neighborhood better than
I can here - & you will place me under many
obligations - & Ask them J. M League &
Ship as soon as you can - Draw on me for the
amount & attach your Bill & the draft -

Very Truly yours
C. C. Wells

a Room of 25 Feet Square and One Story [illegible]
Mr Kelly's Creek - 20357 Feet of Scantling and One Hundred
& 25 Feet Board Measure to Stone for Do Kelly's
Creek Mill Pennels of 25 Feet each - [illegible]
[illegible] and 20 Feet from the Wingate into two Pennels
of 25 Feet each

Respectfully
Your Most
Ob. Hble Servt
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 21. 1865

Lt. S. Fordtran Reg Cyt -
Navasota.

Sir

I have your favor of 11th inst & make con-
-tents. I the draft you have drawn
for freights are paid -
I have forwarded an exemption for Buckley
for Baker Allen, that will not give him the
Gen'l which I can say do no -

Very respy
your ob Svt
Geo E. Hall
Cott Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Jany 20. 1865

James Garden Esq
San Antonio

Sir

I have your favor of 17th inst & make
your enquiry - I can say any contract
executed prior to 1st Sept -
I have no funds to pay for Baker deliveries,
but expect to receive some soon -

Very respy
Your ob Svt
G. E. Hall
Cott Agt

Houston [illegible] 1865

[illegible]

[illegible]

Houston Aug 2nd 1865

Mr Thos Affleck
Galveston

Dear Sir

I shall ship by the boat for Harrisburg this week Kentucky Kept also one Bale and twine per Lodi Bay, which please forward

Yrs Respectfully
C. C. Wells Cashier
per Thomas

London Dec 20th 1865

I have shipped on the ship
Regina one hundred and fifty casks
Lime for which you will please
Office

Respectfully
C. C. Mills Ball & Co
Agents

London Dec 20th January 20th 1865

C. C. Mills
Ship

I have shipped to you on by the
Ship for C. C. Mills Esq. Ships Regina and
One hundred casks Lime which you will please find

Respectfully
C C Mills
Agents

70

Houston Janry 21st 1865

Lt. A.A.I. Jones
Headquarters

Lt

I have shipped you this day
Three Hundred Bagging Two hundred and Eight yards also
Three Hundred and Eight Two pounds Rope (Twine Cotton)

Respectfully
Lt C. Mills Cahl VRQ Mr
A Quarter

Houston Janry 21st 1865

Lt Col. A Quarter Master

Lt

I have Shipped to your Care
by this train Two C.S. Kentucky Rifles which you will
please receive and forward

Respectfully
C.C. Mills Cahl VRQ Mr
A Quarter

Cotton Bureau Dept Ga Miss
Marietta, Jany 20. 1865

Bvt. Stones Esq. Qr.
Brenham,

Sir,

If you have any transportation un-
employed there who owns a couple wagons
and teams, for which you have no imme-
diate use, please turn the same over to Capt.
Edw. Jennie Special Agent, who is fully
authorized to employ them.

Send me descriptive lists of the men
turned over.

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wolfley
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Ga Miss
Marietta Jany 21. 1865

H. B. Bailey Esq. Qr.
Mustoville

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th inst, and Estimate
of Rebs you have district. Thank you for
your promptness.

I will ship you 40 Rebs on Monday.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wolfley
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tn. Miss.
Memphis Jany 21. 1865

Colonel

I have the honor to request renewal of detail, for sixty days, of Private R. H. Cabaniss, of B. 'C' Rangers' Regiment of Artillery. The detail, enclosed, expires on Feby 1st. the date an which the active or current business of the Cotton Bureau closes but his services are very essential for a longer period to enable me to bring up the Office work and close my papers. I will be utterly unable to do either unless I am allowed to retain my clerks - The force in my Office has been insufficient from the organization and I cannot supply the places of any who may be taken away. Persons and disabled et men cannot be found with capacity and dexterity enough to fill the desks in the Office, and I earnestly request that I may not be referred to there for assistance, but that the foregoing application may be granted.

I am Colonel,
Very respectfully
Your obt servt
R. H. Hill
Capt & A.A.G.

To
Col. S. S. Anderson Asst. G.
Dept & Mil of Tns -
Shreveport
La.

By Telegraph from Shreveport, La.
Recd January 21. 1865

To Capt C. G. Wells,

Write Major Hillei to record forty permits blank bales and blank names which will be required to take up like number of certificates issued by Captain Barret and approved by General Smith - The permits are mailed but may not reach San Antonio, until after first February -

(sgd) H. A. Broadwell
Ass Cat

(Rec'd 24)

Custom Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Jany 21. 1865

Major,

I send you above, copy of Telegram received today & Please attend to same as requested -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Maj A. W. Hillei C.S.
San Antonio.
Texas

Cotton Bureau A.S.W. 452
Houston January 21. 1865

J. H. Starr Esq
Austin

Sir

I mailed on the 19th inst a letter addressed to J. T. Wells, care of J. H. Starr Austin—
It offered the Bureau's services for the purchase of Cotton. Have you received the letter? If not can be found at the office
It contained an enclosure—
I am in favor of the Bill & will talk with you and I have furnished facilities—

Very Resp.
Yr Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Cotton Bu. A.S.W.

Cotton Bureau Dept of the West
Houston, Jany 20. 1865—

H. A. Cooke Esq P.M.
Shreveport.

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst. What I told Mr. Hubbard was that I would receive your certificates up to 25th inst— All you need see me to that date, and I will give you permits for—

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Cotton Bu

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Jany 21. 1865

Colonel,

I have your favor of 17th Inst. covering the Moore & Smaker vouchers for vehicle & thank you - Also your Telegrams of Jany 18th & 20th in regard to Permits to be prepared by Major Willcox - copies of vehicle & leave forwarded to Him -

It would go you good to see the zeal with which the Planters of my District are turning over, or rather procuring to - I believe they will comply generally, and I am granting Permits for them all - The results of January will be heavier than any three months preceding, and I feel now that we will pay out - I want Capital money, however, as soon as you can possibly send me some - Light as it is makes it facilitates deliveries -

Substantially is at last provided for - I do not yet see the way clear to provide entirely for Stein & Co - I will try to do so without further assistance from you, but if you can spare them any Cotton please do so -

I enclose complaint from McKinney - If you think you can do so please have Genl. Smith make such an order as will relieve him -

Also any Applications for renewal of destroyed Permits, Please allege me by giving your personal attention to it - I am overworked with the daily current work, & have all my Quarterly Papers still to get up - The General must not leave me in the trench now -

Very respy your obt svt
E. J. Hall
Capt & AQ

Col H.A. Brandreth
Plattsburgh, Ka.

Galveston Texas & June
Galveston June 24 1865

Capt A H Belo
San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed find the following specified vouchers
of transportation issued and orders issued mail
the present time

20 Nov	forage	[redacted]	for	4 bales	3300	pounds
" 24	"	J. M. Gano	"	20	10342	"
" 25	"	Henry Barnum	"	6	2964	"
" 26	"	J Bamfield	"	4	2050	"
" 27	"	L F Simms	"	15	6139	"
" 28	"	J. M. Gano	"	12	6202	"
" 29	"	J Bamfield	"	1	460	"
" 30	"	Benj W Burdine	"	20	9800	"
" 31	"		"	20	9800	"
Dec 1	"	W H Seabee	"	12	6000	"
" 2	"	Robert Bell	"	15	7542	"
" 3	"	G H Schlegg	"	20	9971	"
" 5	"	W Pendarvis	"	9	4497	"
" 7	"	A J Beard	"	4	2020	"
" 8	"	G H Noble	"	11	4932	"
" 20	forage	J H Rowlett	"	5	2000	"
" 21	"	H G Austin	"	13	1545	"
" 22	"	J H King	"	14	6300	"
" 24	"	John Jones	"	11	4994	"
" 25	"	J Johnson	"	28	12600	"
" 26	"	Julian Howard	"	8	4177	"

10 days Rent of Gal Depot
G H Noble

I send six duplicates of most of
of the Vouchers issued and promise
to send the receipts for them as
soon as I get them.

Cotton Bureau Dept Js Miss
Houston Jany 21. 1865.

A. A. Sahn Esq Gl
Richmond.

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th but cannot attend to enclosures which have been attended to.

You will not be held personally responsible for the certificates you issue, unless you give up the permits to the parties taking Gold & deliver. I will keep the permits there until you call for them. When the delivery of Cotton is made, you can certify to me the weight & quantity, and I will make up the Cert. &c.

Bogging & Rose gave to you on Monday last.

As soon as you can do so send on your accounts & vouchers. I will procure the Warrants for you, as I will have it in my power to do so.

Respectfully
Your ob't Svt
Lt. W. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Jn Miss
Houston Jany 21. 1865

Genl. D. H. McKenzie,
Austin

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst & note contents — I have sent to San Antonio for the Dan Dance permit — I suppose its arrival at Laredo will appear on the Clearances papers, & then there will be no trouble about it —

I have sent to San Antonio for permits for Gen R. Jno. A Graham, to buy for the Baggy & Rope thought of him — and also for Col R, in small amounts, to provide for requirements of Baggy & Rope for 500 Bales, as you request — The Letters are in green stamp — I will have the permits when received, & will send you them —

Capt. Dennis has procured enough Cotton to cover the Quartermaster requirement — I have furnished him Permits for all this requirement —

Your Dr. claim is in hand & will be attended to as soon as I have your permits —

Very respy
Yours &c
Wm. B. Wells
Cotton Agt

Houston Sept 28 1865

Lt Col J. S. Vedder
Nacogdoches

Sir

I have shipped to your care
for E B Bailey Nacogdoches by Texas train Seventeen
Bales which you will please forward to him

Respectfully
C. G. Wells Capt & AQ
Texas

Houston Sept 30th 1865

Lt Col J. S. Vedder
Nacogdoches

Sir

I have shipped to the care
of J. S. Vedder Nacogdoches by the Texas train to your
Post Twenty Nine packages Three thousand one hundred
Four pounds and Three Pack Nineteen packages Three hun-
dred and Eighty Four pounds for which you will please
forward your receipt to this office

Very Respectfully

Cotton Bureau, Capt In Miss
Houston Jany 23. 1865

Capt H. H. Barnet C.S.A.
Henderson.

Capt-

I have your favor of 19th inst. covering your official receipts for 500 B/Cotton. As requested I now return you your memo receipt, dated Octo. 10. 1864

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Capt In Miss
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

Major A. W. Willie C.S.
San Antonio.

Major,

I have your favor of 18th inst. covering permits as advised - all correct - No. 1958 - H. H. Browning. I have changed name from Geo Rhodes to Geo. Rhodes - the error was in my copy etc - P. Cooke notify at on your margin.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Miss's
Houston, Jany 28. 1865.

John Haleton Esq Agt -
Alleyton,

Sir, I have your favor of 18th inst & note contents.
In payment of the Freight Bills I have enclosed
Bill of Lading for J. Benard for 26 B/C - $2052 1/2
Sales 26 B/C - Have this signed & return it to me.
Also Exemptions

# 1442 & 362 -	J. Schafner -	each for	6 B/C,
1441 & 362 -	G. Schrenkamp	"	6 "
1440 & 361 -	H. Snevick	"	2 "
1445 & 366 -	A. Wantzman	"	4 "
1444 & 365 -	C. A. Rummel	"	7 "
1443 & 360 -	J. Steinlicht	"	7 "

& proper proportion of the above amount of $2052 1/2
each estate, belongs to each of the engagements -

I enclose also statement of Sales taken from
those of Stillman & King - 57 4/6 B/C - & shipment
Mapped via Brules -

The exemptions on certificates in your letters
I send to San Antonio for you - Please explain to
the holders of the above that they must send them up
before 1st May - Probably you had better send
them up for them.

Very respy
Yours &c
E. E. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept In Texas
Houston, Jany 28. 1865

Major A. H. Hillie,
San Antonio.

Major.

I enclose exemptions,

No 364	Jany 28'65	A B Robinson	85 Bales	17.000	
" 405	Feb 4'65	L. B. Shelton	2 "	777 "	
" 406	Jany 28'65	Sophia Hazelwood	8 "	2.809 "	
" 1149	" " "	W. H. Kellett	15 "	7.500 "	
" 1148	" " "	John Matthews	800 "	100.000 "	
" 1147	" " "	B. H. Hendrick	6 "	3.000 "	
" 1150	" " "	J. L. Hawkins	40 "	24.648 "	
" 1151	" " "	S. L. Pell & Son Cannon	15 "	7.250 "	
" 1152	" " "	McCormick	10 "	5.000 "	

for which please send me your permits in same manner for Brownsville. viz:
- for Jno Matthews - 12 of 25 Bales each -
- " L. B. Robinson - 1 " 10. 1 of 12 - 1 of 13
- for all the balance one each as stated.

Very respy
Your obt
G. B. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Jany 28. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq Agt
Port Sullivan

Sir -

I have your favor of [illegible] inst in regard to the Patent - I cannot do anything for him, in the way he wants, as I will not be attached to the new organization - He must apply to Col. D. Davidson at San Antonio, who will have all the papers relative to the licensing of public carriers, & can be able to give him all the information on the subject -

I understand Mr. Davidson has accepted the appointment of Treasury Agent at San Antonio - Mr. Patent should, forthwith, see him personally.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. E. Hall
Capt & AC

Cotton Bureau Dept Ex Affairs
Houston, Jany 28. 1866 -

H. S. Cooke Esq P.M.
Hempstead

Sir,

I have your favor of 25 ult. best with Peet's letter, which I now return - In answer thereto I have forwarded to Gen Custonis Three Exemptions for 15 Bales each - as I understand from your letters that they will deliver 15 Bales in addition to the 15 Bales already delivered - Am I correct -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Ex Affairs
Houston Jany 28. 1866

J. S. Vedder Esq P.M.
Navasota.

Sir -

I have your favor of 20th inst covering George Stevenson's Act of for cancellation & Discharge of Bond - I now enclose it, and also the amount in new issue, also the Bagging & Rope receipt for same - Please return the receipt to me signed -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt &c

Cotton Bureau, Kept Trans Miss
Houston, January 24. 1865 -

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport -

Have on hand Seven hundred and fifty Bales damaged pickings, for which I am offered six cents, with permit for ordinary cotton - I am authorize me to sell. It will be totally worthless if held - This is the only chance to make it available -

Lt. C. G. Wells
Comdt Post

Cotton Bureau Kept Trans Miss.
Houston, January 24. 1865

Lieut. H. Fisher Comdg
Matagorda.

Sir -

Referring to Haig & Co. enough Rope to cover the 'Lizzie' lot of Bale Cotton sold by me - and also granted, & take their receipt for the same transmit it to me -

Very respy
your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Jn. Miss.
Houston, Jany 24. 1865

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadnell
Shreveport -

The Cotton alone will not avail for a coyt - No one will have it - Permits are not granted for cents. My object is to make available what will else no more than trash on our hands in a few days -

G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Jn Miss
Houston Jany 24. 1865 -

Genl. G. G. Howard,
Vicksburg.

Sir.

Referring to Genl P. G. Beauregard, as much Bagging & Rope as you can spare, not to exceed however, 40 yds Bagging & 1000 pounds Rope - Send me this amount delivered at,

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept La Navis
Houston, Jany 24. 1865

Thos. F. McKinney Esq Special Agt &c
Austin,

Sir-

I have your several favors of 3d, 5th & 14th inst & note contents -

Statement of your services & enclose vouchers for your signature - They will explain themselves - The first (Oct 29th) was elected by exemptions sent you at that date - For the second (Jany 20th) I send to Algernon Hillie to day for permits for 208 Bales. Please sign both papers in duplicate & return all to me in your reply -

The acct of 548 Bales in the voucher is made up of

Capt Simmons' Purchases		748 Bales.	
J. B. Earle	- your certificate	70	,
L. C. Huff	,	60	,
Simms & Williams	,	10	, 548 Bales

Capt. Simmons has returned to Brazos & Washington Co & make further acquisitions for Quartermasters' payment - I have agreed to cover all he makes up to tomorrow (28th) inclusive - As soon as I receive his certificates I will make up another voucher & exemptions for you & thus close the 20% Compensations - Of course you will hold on with us until the Cotton is accounted for. I shall need your aid to a considerable extent, as the Cotton is very far from being delivered yet -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf Miss
Houston, Texas, 24. 1865 -

Hon. D. H. Gray, Agt Treasury Dept Miss.
Marshall.

Sir,

Mr. H. O'Connell, the bearer of this letter, has been employed by Col, Hutchins & myself since May last on a species of police duty in the West - his particular province being to search out the Govt. Cotton which was scattered and abandoned about the time of the fall of Brownsville - His knowledge of the locality has enabled him to do valuable service to the Govt in that capacity - Several hundred Bales of Cotton having been traced up by him and forwarded to its destination on the Rio Grande.

I had him re-detailed a few days ago for a new service, which, while the necessity exists, is quite as valuable in its results - that of looking after the teamsters on the way in from the River with Govt. freight - Circumstances render it absolutely unavoidable to employ irresponsible ones as escort - Some of these do not hesitate to appropriate & dismember the goods entrusted to their care & a large majority of them are disposed to loiter on the road, or turn off to their homes & thus cause loss to the Govt -

You will probably find it necessary to make similar arrangements, & if so, I can recommend Mr. O'Connell as a man who has fulfilled the duties thus entrusted with satisfaction to those employing him, - & earnest that he will do so again -

Very respy
your obd. svt
C. E. Hall -

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Dec 24. 1865

Colonel -

I have your favor of 19th inst under cover -

Mr. Sampson is very willing to receive Cotton from me, & have daily called for it, but he cannot make any provision for its return - The Cotton will be required to return to Texas, & he does not expect to be required to return the Cotton until the pressure upon him ceases - I know the pressure on him never will stop while vessels can come into Galveston - and I must say the prospect is very disheartening if I am compelled to yield to the Treasury Dept the Cotton we are spending so much time and means to get in hand - If you can avoid it do not issue any more Permits until orders are received from there, and I will work along as best I can for the advantage of the Bureau, with only one occasional transfer to Texas -

I have your two Telegrams of this date - Thank you for the latter - I have sold the Pickering to Capt R. King a 6/8ths - Reichman offered 6¢ - This is a perfect Godsend as it will keep me in freight money for sometime to come - I could not sell you mine just do. Though this amounts to the same thing, as the Cotton is not actually owned the Steamer upon it occupies - You understand, of course, that I obtain the interest of the Boat is best denoted by what I have done -

Very respy.
Your obt. svt
C. C. Wells
Agent

Lt Col. H. A. Broadwell.
Chf. Cotton Bureau
Comd't Dept Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jr Miss
Houston, Janry 24th 1865

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E. A. Ormiss Esq agt
Leald Spring.

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th inst covering
10/th. Co Bale per Col Grace's flat Boat - The
Cotton has arrived at Liberty - I allowed
Texas 4/ per Bale on condition of bringing
another load to this returns - The Shotwell
exemption has been sent to San Antonio for
signs - He owes here himself to see about
it -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Miss
Houston, Janry 24th 1865 -

E. A. Van Alstyne Esq
Clarksville.

Sir -

I have your favor of Janry 21st covering
W. B. Shotwell's exemption which I have forwarded
to San Antonio for a permit as requested - I
will hold it for you when received, until
you send or write for it -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Gulf
Houston June 24. 1865

W. H. White Esq Cpt
Anderson.

Sir.

I have your favor of 22d. inst & thank you for the estimate -

Gen Smith has ordered one out to Wharton Station. You can keep this to yourself, but it will explain to you why no extreme measures can be taken. Of the parties who have received Permits there remained enough Cotton to make a decent showing. All these go - but if any of them have not RR. Vouchers or Cotton give me a list & I will try & do something -

Very truly
Yours &c
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Gulf
Houston June 24. 1865

Rec. Stones Riv Cpt
Brenham.

Sir - I have your favor of 21st inst & note contents. The Church & Plantation permits have not been returned & none Sea Island yet - I forwarded them to you time for the parties -

Very respy
Yours &c
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss. 470
Houston, Jany 24th 1865

A. H. Haines Esq. Gt-
Lagrange.

Sir.

I have your favors of 21st inst. with enclosures - I now enclose vouchers in settlement of D. Zachary's claim for freight. $32 - Freight Rice $6.57.
" " Sales P. & C. Cotton $6.42 -

The Presumption for Zachary I need to Save Taxation, as there will not be time to remit it through you - I will hold it for you - Please advise me the vouchers signed -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. A. Wells
Asst I.A.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss.
Houston, Jany 24th 1865 -

Albert A. Stone Esq
Wheelock.

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst. in relation to the two Bonds certified as for freight which you state had been lost - Since the receipt of your letter I have called before a Notary Public & the circumstances of the case - The certificate if sent to me with the duplicate certificate sent, will authorize me to pay the money - The duplicate certificate should contain also a receipt for the money -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. A. Wells

Cotton Bureau. Dept of Texas
Houston. Jany 24. 1865

Majr A. H. Hillis C.S.
San Antonio.

Majr.

I enclose my Exemptions of this date, viz:

1053.	E. H. Cushing & Co.	80 Bales.	36.287 lbs.	4 of 20 ea
1054	Paul Cunningham	42 .	21.000 .	1 of 20. 1 of 22
1055	William Kendall	6 .	3.264 .	
1056	James H. Cox	28 .	13.124 .	
1057	Jno. F. McKinney	213 .	106.500 .	4 of 50. 1 of 13
1058	Henig & Co.	83 .	40.852 .	1 of 40. 1 of 43
1059	do	9 .	3.990 .	
1060	E.H. Cushing & Co.	80 .	36.857 .	2 of 40 each
1061	H. L. Sealey & Co.	49 .	24.500 .	1 of 29. 1 of 20
1062	do	662 .	331.000 .	13 of 50. 1 of 12
1063	Hyppauer & Kappler	20 .	10.500 .	
1064	Saml. Davidson	96 .	47.500 .	4 of 20. 1 of 05
1065	A. H. Belo & Co	100 .	54.000 .	2. 40. 1. 28
1066	do do	110 .	55.000 .	5. 20. 1. 10
1067	Wm H. Simmons	5 .	2.500 .	
1068	R. Brashear & Co.	43 .	21.500 .	1 of 20. 1 of 23
1069	Kenedy, Stillman & Co.	126 .	63.000 .	5. 20. 1. 26
1070	Joseph Sterne & Co.	56 .	28.000 .	2. 20. 1. 16
1071	Henig, Harriman & Co	9 .	4.500 .	
1072	L. H. Zacharie	41 .	20.500 .	1 of 20. 1 of 21
1073	G. Ennis & Co.	105 .	52.000 .	2. 40. 1. 25
1074	do	114 .	57.000 .	2. 40. 1. 34
1075	W. H. Wadsworth	29 .	14.500 .	
1076	Bell, Hutchings & Co.	219 .	109.500 .	4 of 40. 1 of 29
1077	do	200 .	100.000 .	4 of 40. 1 of 40
1078	do	92 .	46.000 .	1 of 40. 1 of 52
1079				

over

No 392	Houston & Tex. C. Rway	11 Bales - 5500 lbs -		
" 393	do	41 "	20.500 "	- 1 of 20 - 1 of 21
" 394	do	26 "	13.000 "	2 " 13 each
" 395	J. H. Hawse	100 "	50.000 "	5 " 20 "
" 396	Richard Kleig	450 "	216.000 "	7 " 50 - 16 of 25
" 397	B. Zacharz	8 "	3.762 "	

You which please send me your statements in same names for Brownsville — I have endorsed the clearance asked for on the back of the Exemptions — It is quite give you a deal of trouble and I am must pardon me — if it were not a hardship to the parties that might cause them a great deal of trouble and expense thereafter I would not ask it —

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Collr &c

Cotton Bureau, Capt Jr Nicks
Houston, Janey 25. 1865 -

Colonel -

I send the services of Eight draymen to-day. & respectfully request that you direct that they shall be free from molestation or impressment.

Their names & descriptions are as follows:

names	owners	age	height	color
Pontius	J. R Harris	50	5 ft 2 in	Black
Robert	J. H. League	20	5. 8.	yellow
Fred	Mrs M. Wilson	45	5. 9.	Black
Elinor	J.E. Thompson	24	5. 9.	"
Jim	A.E. Sennett	20	6. --	"
John	J. H. League	18	5. 8.	"
Asher	Mrs M. Wilson	38	5. 5.	Yellow
Asher	Mr. Rowzee	40	5. 10.	"
Jim				

These negroes have been regularly employed by me, hauling Cotton to and from Depots - I have 336 Bales to move to-day & must do it unless you grant this request

Please sign the accompanying papers You the requires, as it will be necessary for them to have such a protection with them,

Very respy
Your ob Servt
G. W. Wells
Capt & Asst Qr Mr

Lieut J. H. Sanderson
Houston, Texas.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

J. H. Bagley Esq Agt
Waxahachie.

Sir. You will hold the eleven Bales Cotton received yesterday per Central Railroad, subsidiarily for account of B. Dech, until you receive further orders from me - The Cotton is the property of the Govt. and you must not allow it to be removed by any one -

Respectfully
G. G. Wells
Agt C & M D.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

A. H. Sellers Esq Agt
Millican

Sir. You will forward to Stephens Point Station, on the H & T C R R, and take possession of twenty four Bales of Government Cotton & ship the same to Houston immediately - Consign the Cotton to me. If any party who may claim any interest in said Cotton refer him to me for adjustment.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agent.

Castle Barrancas, Dept. Gulf, Fla.
Pensacola, Jany 26. 1866.

Major.

In obedience to Special Orders No 20, Hdqrs Dept. Gulf, I append thereto a list of the employees of this office on duty in this city.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. B. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Major H. Hyllested.
Pensacola Fla.

List of clerks &c employed in Castle Barrancas Pensacola Fla

Names	Designation	Remarks.
[illegible]	[illegible]	Services very essential
S. D. Barrett	Clerk, [illegible]	on Surgeons' certificate
D. W. Rogers	Steam Vessel	
E. Hatton	do do	
C. A. Harris	do do	the dept to date.
W. H. Hewlett	Sergeant Ordnance	on Surgeons certificate.

C. B. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Center Barracks Dept Texas
Houston, June 26. 1865.

Major A.W. Willis A.A.G.
San Antonio.

Major,

I have your favors of 16th 19th 19th & 20th inst. with enclosures - all correct as stated - I have returned the Requisitions for S.H. Aldridge - & have for Wilbur F. Baker, endorsed as requested -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Central Division Dept of Texas
Houston, June 26. 1865.

Lt. [illegible]
[illegible]

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st inst - Have and Quartermaster enclosed to them Authority for the Steamer - Thanks for your information Steamer is Charley O'Neal, I have ordered the Quartermaster to have it in my possession, Send Vessel -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Custom House, Dept of the Navy
Honolulu, Jany 25. 1845

A. W. Harris Esq. &c
Lahaina.

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst. covering
Lt. Farnum's affidavit of loss of S.B. Cotton,
for which thanks you -
I have forwarded your letter to the Department
at Washington

Very respectfully
Your obt
C. K. Stribling
Master &c

Custom House Dept of the Navy
Honolulu, Jany 25th 1845

Lt. H. Bunce &c
Ship Cyane

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst. transmitting
Lt. Farnum's affidavit in regard to the loss of the
Schr Cotton &c, as the Secretary of the Navy
wishes with the utmost expedition all the facts
connected with the loss of that vessel
You will therefore proceed to Lahaina
at Sandwich Island - Should you not be arrived
there by the 10th of June, on your way you will touch
at Valparaiso for the purpose of receiving
the above papers -

Very respectfully
Your obt
C. K. Stribling
Master &c

Cattle Bureau, Dept. Interior
Hamilton, Jany 25. 1865

Asst. Adjutant Genl
Allegheny

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th inst. Yours of 16th also came to hand & the certificates have been furnished for by sending exemptions issued at San Antonio. I will have the Vermits done when they are executed.

The Red River retail is extended to 1st Feb. If necessary I can then have it extended.

Thank you for the guard.

Very respy
Your obt. Svt.
C. B. Allen
Capt

Cattle Bureau, Dept. Interior.
Hamilton, Jany 25. 1865

Maj. Genl. Augur
Comdg Dept. of Texas.

Sir:

I have your favor of 17th inst. covering Gen. Hatch's receipt for Rio Hondo Cattle, for which thank you.

Very respy
Your obt. Svt.
Jno. C. Allen
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept In Chiefs
Hdqrs Dec, Jany 26. 1865

Lt Col. Arrowsmith
Shreveport, La

Have your Telegram of today report any sale of damaged Cotton. If so the sale cannot be made. The funds due Govt must be sent here & by flag of truce.

Answer,

C. B. Stuart
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept In Chiefs
Hdqrs, Jany 26. 1865

Major A. M. Wells A. D.
San Antonio.

Major.

Another copy Enclosed.

1st copy	Lot	1 of Cotton	0	200 lbs
2nd	"	2 "	0	200 "
3rd	"	3 1/2 Cotton	00	2400 "
4th	"	4 "	05	1200 "

For which please send me your permits &c same named for Brownsville.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. B. Stuart
Capt & C

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Cotton Bureau Dept Te Texas
Houston, Jany 25. 1865.

Major H. P. Bonham A.A.G.
Rio Grande City.

Major.

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of yours favor of 18th inst. covering
your memorandum receipts for 26½ Bls
Cotton -
Receipts for 68 Bales - including the 32 Bls
returned -
returned Cotton -
I have enclosed duplicates &
Please sign the Receipts &

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wolfe
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Texas
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

A. C. Hollingsworth,
Supt M.P.R.R.
Harrisburg -

Send a flat car to Stafford's Point
on Friday - Advise me if you possibly
can - It is important -
C. G. Wolfe
Capt A.C.

By Telegraph from Shreveport, La
Dated Jany 25. 1865
To Capt C. G. Wells
Write Major Hillis to record
permit favor John A. Stevenson. one hundred
and sixty seven bales.
H. A. Broadwell
Lt Col.

(Ab 11 15)

Office Chief Dept & Asst
Houston Jany 26. 1865

Major.

I have given above a copy of Telegram just received from Col. Broadwell, which please attend to for him -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt P.C.

Major A. H. Hillis C.S.
San Antonio,
Texas.

Cotton Bureau, Supt. Fr. Negs.
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

Capt. H. D. Hitchcock,
Enrolling Officer, Polk Co.

Capt -

I have fifteen negroes belonging to Col P. C. Bechtel, regularly employed in hauling Govt. Cotton - You are aware of the necessity for their services, in view of which I respectfully request that you will not molest them until I can furnish you with a descriptive list & regular application for their detail -

Very respectfully
Yr obt.
R. G. Hall
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Supt Fr Negs
Houston, Jany 26. 1865 -

F. A. Cooke Esq Q.M.
Hempstead

Sir,

I have your favors of 22d. inst. with enclosed in settlement of your services,
No 22 - Service Bill - $210.65.
" 24 - Sales 2 Bls Cotton 102.10 -
Please return me the vouchers duly signed - The expenditure is about $ San Antonio per a Voucher -

Very respy
Your obt
R. G. Hall
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss 483
Houston, Jany 26. 1866

O.C. Mulligan Esq.
Supt R.R.B. Kelly,
Harrisburg

Sir

I have particular use for two cars at Stafford's Point on Friday - If you can possibly do so, you will oblige me by sending two flats - Mr Keenan, the Bearer, will explain the necessity - Do not fail me if you can avoid it -

Very respy
Yours &c
E.G. Wells
Genl Agt

Telegram

Cotton Bureau R. & Y. R.
Houston Jany 26. 1866

Mr. Col. H.A. Broadwell,
Stevenspoint -

Mr. Wade is in San Antonio -
General Walker did not make the impressments in Matagorda County - General Smith's Telegram of ninth instant forbade any impressments - Instant

E.G. Wells
Genl Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Affairs
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

Messrs Stewart L. Jolly & Co.
Jamaica.

Gentlemen -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of Dec. 26th with enclosures. I regret to have to say your acct sales of "Hope" cargo, & the accompanying certificate, are not satisfactory.

It is a well settled point that the principles of general average apply to such cases, and I cannot understand why you have considered it proper to depart from the rule in this instance. I had occasion to refer to this in my letter to you of Jany 2nd & I now expect that you will rectify the error. I can hardly suppose you have made the settlement in ignorance of the well established rules of law & mercantile usage, - If so, I can only regret that you were not better informed, as I must look to you to make the proper returns, & cannot make myself responsible for your failure to do so in the first instance,

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt & Supt.

P.S. - I neglected to state that the Clinton cargo was purchased on board, already loaded, consequently the Bureau could not have been wholly in fault -
C. C. W.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

Col. C. J. Wilcox
A.A.G. Cavalry Cps Waxahachie.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 16th inst, with enclosures.-

I thank you for your observation that you meant to attach no blame to me for your non-receipt of Cotton previous to the transfer of Cotton matters to the Treasury Department - and I trust you will excuse the warmth of my remonstrance made at a time when I labored under unpleasant impressions which your letter entirely removes.-

I have just heard of the safe arrival of the 'Big Shanghai' at Matamoras. This vessel completes the list of those I had the pleasure to mail your Cotton after - The perfection of the Shipping Organization has relieved me from further enjoinments, while it has aided you by increasing the amount of your receipts. I the former will remain available, so that the Govt may reap the full benefit of the new plan inaugurated by Secretary Sherman.

I return all claims & the accts in your hands, received through this Bureau - but as soon I send receipts from you as my vouchers, in addition to the Ry Hauling Vouchers, I shall apply to you for them.

On July 2nd I referred to the "Wafe" Case in my letter to Steward & Sally & Co -

telling them the loss could only be settled by the rules of General Average. To day I have a letter from them covering the sale of 5 Bales Cotton, & a certificate to cover the loss of 12 Bales - It is a strange settlement for merchants to make, and I write them again to day, as per enclosed Copy, asking for a revision of the matter - so that we may enforce proper returns?

I have no letters from Knoop & Co - & do not know the nature of the charges they make on the 'Stingaree' 89 Bales - The 61 Bales per 'Sicily' probably bear heavy charges, as I am informed the Bales were entirely reposacked the whole cargo of the vessel having been sharply damaged -

I will be glad to hear from you when you receive advices of the 'Lightning's' 65 Bales.

I am Dr, very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hall
Cash'r

Cotton Bureau Dept In Texas
Houston, Jany 26. 1865

Majr A. H. Willie C.S.
San Antonio,

Majr -

I enclose my Exemptions

Sgt. Jany 26 65 -	J. L. Cooke,	2 M/C	10 65 cts
461 " "	Mattaus & Gibbs	21 "	10.050 "
462 " "	Saml. Rame	15 "	7.500 "
463 " "	Jno. Garner	20 "	10.000 "
464 " "	H. d Hamien	15 "	7.500 "

For which please send me your Permits in same names for Brownsville.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Texas
Houston, Jany 26. 1865 -

Sgt. Cooke

I have the honor to report that the services of Private E. Mattaus, Harris Co. Reserves - are no longer required in this office -

Very respectfully
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Genl L. B. Robertson
Comdg Reserves State of Texas
Huntsville, Texas.

Cotton Bureau, Asst Inl Affairs
Hamilton Jany 26. 1866

H. B. Bailey Esq Agt
Huntsville

Sir,

I have your favour 20th inst
Your letter of 18th Inst with enclosures as
stated came safely to hand, and the
explanations have been forwarded to Gen
Clarke - Owing to the great pressure
on me at the moment & the illness
of Mr. Teague, who does the bulk of the
Correspondence, I have failed to write
you & return Safely on receipt of your
letter - I hope to catch up in a few
days, however.

I forwarded Genl Lewis to day the
Callahan Agreement for C & Cotton,
that unavoidably overlooked it until too
late to get it out of the safe - I will
try to send it tomorrow - Genl. L.
promised to give the proper endorsement to you
Please see that you get it & send it to me.

Very respy
Your ob't
G. G. Wolly
Capt & C

Houston, Jany 27. 1865 89

J. L. Vedder Esq
Navasota

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 24th inst. & thank you for your interest in my order - I will be glad to take the Lard & Bacon from Mr Greenwood at the prices named, as I believe it will be good - My main object is to get articles that will keep -

Please send me the tub of Lard you have on hand - I will return the tub -

Very respy
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

H. B. Bailey Esq Cl
Huntsville

Sir,

I enclose, at the request of Genl Simms, Maj Wilkins' permit No. 1890 - dany 16.65. in name of W. J. Callahan, for 6 Bales, 3840 lbs Cotton, from point of Brownsville - Genl S. will communicate to you the order he holds - which you will please send to me - He did not have the ordernumber when ordered yesterday,

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Houston May 14th 1865

Gen. W. A. Broadwell.

Dr Sir. The branch of the Cotton Bureau is about closing up, and I have called on Capt. Wells for a settlement for my work as its agent.

My contract with myself is such a settlement for all delivered on the R. Road. Capt W. has either delivered. and I have turned it all over to the Bureau and taken receipts for the whole of the cotton, from the Board. Owing to the new regulations going into operation at so early a day, I have only been able to deliver about half the Cotton purchased, leaving a balance of about 1100 Bales not delivered, and for which I think in common justice I ought to be paid something. I have done one eighth of the work, and I only half the delivered it all.

I have agreed with Capt. Wells to take half the commissions. He to have the commissions and I these subject to your approval. I trust you will decide the point of the case and instruct him to pay me

Yours truly
J. B. H. Brown

Houston, Jany 12. 1866

Saml Wolstone Esq
Galveston

Sir.

I have arranged with Hon Ballinger about your & Baldwins' cases, and he has written to Mr Webb to engage his services.

I will write you again as to results - In the meantime Mr Webb will write to you & consult about the case -

I told Mr Ballinger that I would try to give the fees - but that you would guarantee the payment - He has written Mr Webb the same - Mr B. promises to attend Court himself if he can possibly do so - I am sure he will if he can - and only preceding engagements there which he cannot avoid will prevent him -

Yours truly
C. C. Wells

Mr Forbes wrote me a short but very interesting account of the manner in which the brig on Bord Island ignored the Judge's charge. Officially declared the officers & crews of the Alabama pirates [illegible]

Houston Jany 12. 1866

Dear Mart -

I have your favor of 10th inst I am glad to know you are back safely - I trust your health is improved.

I have no letters from Mr Power later than Sept 25th Mrs P. & family had not arrived, as the mail had only been out 27 days & could not have been more than 3/4 the way across at the most - Tell Mrs Ray & Tom I will fail to write them as soon as I hear of their safe arrival -

I saw by the papers that Chas Power had located on San Antonio - I hope he will do well -

I accompanied my family about one a month ago got to Balto on 1st Oct - 24 days from here - We stopped & remained there, were treated there with great kindness & landed there in Baltimore from whence we got to Balto without our trouble - My last letters, Dec 1st reform me better Boy as wonderfully improved - in fact almost entirely reformed.

I will be relieved on 1st Feb by the winding up of the Cotton Business of the Cotton Bureau - I suppose I will be three or four months closing my papers - We have done a good business for the Govt, but I am heartily sick of it & almost worried above - Present my regards to your Mother & thank her for me for her kindness in preparing the citron I mine for me - Come down & stay with me if you can - You can have half of my room & be no trouble to anybody -

Your friend Dr. Gatlett -

Houston, Dec 22. 1864

Dear Billy -

I have yours of 11th inst, but have not had time to answer it previously - I now send you Copy of Regulations which I wish you to be guided by - If you read them carefully you will see 1st - That any one can take Cotton as far as Brazos or Galveston - 2nd That no one can stop from either point until one that his load is for account of Govt -

The question arises - Suppose the Govt has no Cotton at these points, where is it to procure Cotton - Plainly from the man who takes Cotton there - Should the rule is that every man who agrees to transport one Bale to Mexico must be prepared to sell to Govt one Bale also at Brazos or Galveston -

From which I can learn as to the plans of the Treasury Agency I understand that Judge Gray objects to our all the Cotton the Govt requires - at three points - He expects to pay 30 ℔ for it in one issue & 40 ℔ for it in Sky Cotton (equal to coin) and getting altogether to about 5 ℔ Specie - Will it be agreeable to parties to pay their own passages to these places & take the Cotton you handle as much as they are able to get it there? Still they must do it or the contract is void & the Cotton of Govt -

You will notice that agreement is only limited as in the concluding part of the instructions - You may rest assured that it will certainly be made use of the Govt does acquire many Cotton at the points selected - I have seen the ordinance of Secessions & the Secretaries of State & Treasury, and agreement is ordered provided Cotton procured by Government by Specie - Possible

engineer much by adding to the Govt at its own price - but they do not thus get any additional privileges & must comply with the regulations - If I can visit Jonah in the last four years longer, & the wants of the Govt in this Dept will hardly be met in the case of the Corps of the Wake, so the people may make up their minds, that they will have to call for a Govt dummy the whole war -

For shipments by sea the Tide Cotton will be used as far as it will go - When it is exhausted, every St. Vessel must call for its cargo & the Treasury Agent before it can leave - or must obtain a permit to land

Freight will be paid to the Train masters at the Govt rates - Suppose the Train master asks 4¢ per 100 miles - and the Govt rate is only 1½¢ - It will not the owner of the private stock of the Cotton on the Train have to pay 4½¢ on this Cotton, so as to make up to the Train master the loss he sustains on the Govt freight I think it is plainly so, for the reason that the law makes it obligatory upon the private owner to provide freight room for the Govt -

I do not know where Col Ashmun or family are - nor have I heard from Charles Palmer -

My last letter from Bath to report my little boy as wonderfully improved - I am overjoyed the change has saved his life -

The compliments of the season to you & yours -

Yours truly
E. C. Wall

W. L. Pearce Esq
Natchez

Office of Cmdg Gen'l
Newton Dec 1/64

Captain

I have to report that the services of the following named detailed men are no longer required. Having performed the duties for which they were detailed.

Detailed

Privates.	J. L. Scott	Co H 4th Ohio Cavalry Co	—	Discharged
"	D. M. Alston	"	"	"
"	John W. Baker	" Corp	"	"
"	Wm L. Jones	" Co D 2d Ky Vol	"	"
"	J. T. Maynard	" H. G. Webb Cav'y Co	"	12
"	J. M. Griffin	" Co O 5th Dragoons	"	5
"	J. B. Cook	" Early's Co Bradford's Ky	"	"
"	Jared Stark	" Mynear's Co, 33d Cavalry	"	"
"	Nicholas Barton	" Early's Co Bradford's	"	"
"	W. M. Myers	" " "	"	"

The above named men were detailed for an indefinite time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt

Lt. Col. & A. A. Genl
Chief of Cavalry
Dept of
Ohio

Office of Ch Ordering Q M
Shreveport Dec 26 64

Brevet

On my interview with Major Haynes, it has been decided that in view of the uncertainty attending the Sterling Exchange forwarded to Mr Pritchard on Septemb 26. It would perhaps be prudent to detain Major Merrill at this point until Mr Haynes can return to Shreveport. and Corps with you & ascertain what course will be expedient in the event we fail to realize upon this Exchange.

Mr Perkins writes me in October, that failing to make it available in the purchase of Sufflin at Matamoras. he had placed the Exchange with a leading house of that City, to go forward for acceptance. by the Express, "When Baring Brothers London." I presume the result could be known to him by the 1st of January.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant

To
Brevet Lt Col Kirby Smith
Shreveport La

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Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

C. C. Lund Esq Agt
Liberty.

Sir.

I have your favors of 24th & 25th Inst & note contents — Also 48 B/Cotton as reported —
I cannot get a Boat to go to Liberty just now —
If you can do so send me two or three loads daily
I will try to have cars over there for you —

Very resply
Yr obt svt
G. G. Hall
Agt T C

Cotton Bureau Dept. Gulf,
Houston, Jany 29. 1865

John Adriance Esq Agt
Columbia.

Sir,

I have yours favor of 24th Inst with enclosures — You may assure the parties that I will have the permits for them.

I am glad to have your assurance that you will give your active assistance in clearing up our business — If it had your aid I fear very little satisfaction would come of it — The two counties have furnished very little Cotton for Govt. so far —

Very resply
Yr obt svt
G. G. Hall
Agt T C

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 29. 1866—

A. G. Baker Esq
Chapperee Hall

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th & 25th inst— the former covering certified account for connection— I have enclosed it as it should be— I regret to say I have no new issue to pay with—

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 29. 1866—

S. R. Hooke Esq Agt
Wharton,

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th inst— The certificates for Bradshaw & Murphy came duly to hand, and the exemptions have been sent to San Antonio for generals— They will be subject to your order when received—

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Gulf
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

Colonel.

Your Telegram of 26th inst instructing Maj Wells to record Journal for Shreveport & Bales Cotton there forwarded.

Your letter Telegram of 25th enclosing Genl Smiths views on sale of damaged Cotton almost defeated the transaction - Your despatch of 26th inst Removes restrictions me to good spirits, as it enables me to provide for freights I had almost despaired about - I will hold the $4.000 subject to orders from Engineer Dept -

In answer to your other despatch of 26th I will say, that Genl. Walker regretted his inability to comply with the Matagorda Co, as he fully believed it should be done - His orders, however, from Genl Smith were emphatic in forbidding it -

My applications, the affidavits, Genl Walkers endorsement upon the papers, are in the Hands of King & Co - I suppose they will be referred to Genl, Smith for further action -

Please send me some more issue if possible. I am nearly out, & I require it to answer peaceable deliveries - I have had a hard road to travel lately I have had to resort to diplomacy & force in several instances -

Very respy
Your obt
Co. G. Wells.
Capt & C

Lt Col H. L. Broadnax
Shreveport, La

Cotton Bureau, Dept Gulf
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

L. S. Valder Esq Qt-
Navasota.

Sir,

I have your favors of 24th & 26th Insts & note contents - I now enclose George Stevens certified acct. for 1 B/ Cotton - $126.00 also the Balance of new issue one thousand say $875.00 - Please have the account signed and return it to me.

I send you by Express the $105.00 due to S. B. Penny for freight - I prefer to have the Bill made in his name - Have it signed & returned it -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

H. H. Baker Esq
Chappel Hill.

Sir,

I have your favors of 5th 18th & 23d. Inst & note contents - I now enclose L. D. Grissetts acct &c. corrected - Amt due them in new issue $327.50 - I regret to say I have no funds to pay it with just now, but hope to have soon.

Capt Dan. Richardson's post office is Houston,

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Jany 27. 1865

John Hollstow Esq Gt
Alleytow.

Sir.

I have your favors of 26th inst, covering Invoice as stated - I have forwarded to San Antonio the Expenditures for

John Hinske	6 x 3 —	6 Bales
E. H. Cleaveau	8 x 3 —	6 "
Hudenig Lock	10 x 10 —	20 "
Total		32 Bales

& will hold the permits subject to your order accordingly.

I enclose Purchase voucher in favor of J. Hartford - 16 B/C - $2000 00 each Drawn, being in payment of above lot of Cotton.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

The above came safely to hand - Thank you for remembering it.

Self has been quite sick since Sunday last, and my correspondence has necessarily been somewhat neglected -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jo Miss
Houston, Jany 27. 1865—

Major,

I enclose my Exemptions. at this date—

No. 399	Hudwig Erck	10 Bales	weight lbs
" 400	S.H. Cleaton	6 "	1526 "
" 401	John Kinsbi	6 "	1406 "
" 402	Carling & Herriman	12 "	4886 "
" 1465	C. & Patton	10 "	5148 "
" 1466	do	10 "	5206 "
" 1467	do	6 "	2920 "
" 1468	W. J. E. Hay	10 "	5014 "
" 1469	C. C. Beck	4 "	2076 "
" 1470	"	2 "	904 "
" 1471	James Crumpstell	9 "	5106 "
" 1472	John Sweeny	10 "	5208 "
" 1473	Hudwig Erck	10 "	4964 "
" 1474	S.H. Cleaton	6 "	1526 "
" 1475	John Kinsbi	6 "	1406 "

You will please send me your Permit as soon as convenient for Brownsville,

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. C. Hall
Capt & AQ

Major A. H. Willis U.S.
San Antonio,
Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

Captain,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of Mr. Kennedshields' certificate of Receipt of Sixteen Bales of Cotton belonging to Dr. Robert Peebles of Rankin County - and after disposal of the same by you - Dr. Peebles has applied to this Office for a settlement upon the usual terms, and I am disposed to make it, and become responsible for the proceeds, provided you will receipt to me for it -
I send you Invoices and Receipts for same. If agreeable to you please sign and return the Letter to me.

If it cannot be arranged in this way please write to Dr. Peebles through me, how you propose to settle it with him -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Capt. G. W. Bennett A.Q.M.
Brownsville.
Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jr Miss
Houston, Jany 28. 1865

J. S. Tedder Esq Cl
Navasota,

Sir,

I have your favor of 26th inst with enclosure
I enclose a short statement of account to show that
you have funds on hand to pay Henry & balance
Assuming that you have paid him, you still hold
for me $ 28 00, which you will please retain to
apply to future settlements -

Very resply
your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Miss
Houston, Jany 28. 1865

E. A. Orriss Esq Cl
Cold Spring,

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st inst with enclosure
I cannot tell at the moment whether I have funds
Wagners receipts for the Bagging & Rope or not - If
I find I do not have it I will send direct to him
for it -

Very resply
your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Houston January 28th 1865.

Captain /

Your communication of 6th October 1864 returning my Bond as informal was received, but there being no Judge of the C S Court in Houston at the time has caused the delay in perfecting my Bond - I have now the honor to enclose you a new Bond duly executed in accordance with your instructions which I trust will prove satisfactory - Please acknowledge receipt of same.

I have the honor to be Captain
Your most obt svt
H R Percy

Captain John S. Carey.
Chief Q M T M Dept.
Shreveport La

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, Janr 28. 1865

Major,

I enclose my Exemptions

# 1476.	Jan.	27/65	Robert Peebles	16 Bales -	7.650 lbs.
1477	"	28 "	L. A. H. Cleaveland	3 "	1.450 "
1478	"	" "	Mrs. E. Hordlaw	15 "	7.500 "
1479	"	" "	D. Landes	3 "	1.208 "
1480	"	" "	do	7 "	2.150 "

For which please send me your permits in same names for Brownsville,

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Geo. G. Wells
Capt & Q

Maj
Genl Heiss
San Antonio,

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, Janr 29. 1865

Capt A. D. Lynch Qm
Brownsville

Capt.

I have had two letters from A. R. Ely of Big Hill, Smyzabe Co, in reference to his contested account for [redacted] 6 B/Cotton dated Aug 28th last. for 1 Brg Gt I find that I commanded the vouchers to you on Sept 2 last among others — If you have it, please send it to him & enable him to collect it.

He writes me that he has applied to Capt R. Pierson & to the Navy Board, for it - that remark find it —

Please advise me when you send it to him.

Very respy
Your obt svt
Geo. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept I. Ts. M. (S)
Houston, Jany 29. 1865

Major

I am in receipt of your several favors as follows —

Jany 21'65 — relative to Salomick's Cotton —

22	Covering	20	Permits for Tenders			
"	"	"	16	"	"	4
"	"	"	12	"	"	9
26	"	"	24	"	"	—
24	"	"	7	"	"	"
25	"	"	27	"	"	"
"	"	"	16	"	"	"
"	"	"	5	"	"	"
24	"	"	40	Blank Permits —		

all of which are received as stated —

Please accept ... for your courtesy in forwarding to Galveston the amount limit in the issuance of your permits — I should regret excessively the disappointment of any one who has applied upon me to secure their Permit for Texas — Some Planters Have been so very skeptical that they can handle their own cotton & manage the necessity for forwarding their applications at once —

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tex Miss
Houston, Jany 29. 1865

Majr.

Col. Stockton Commanding Texas Arsenal sold Genl Smith under superior 300 Bales Cotton - The Cotton was to have been paid by Col. Huthsins, to Mr. A. Hubachek belonging to Court of information &c - the claim is still unsettled - I have agreed to assume the payment as far as I can, and to enable me to do it with as little Cotton as possible, I ask that you issue your permits for 300 Bales in name of A. Hubachek - The claim amounts to about $ 21.000. & I can pay it in exempt Cotton to much better advantage to the Govt than with unexempt -

Capt Mc...?. the Arsenal will file with you Genl Smiths original permit, on order on your for permits - I send you herein a memo of the substance of the order, as stated by Col. Stockton -

I would suggest that you make the permits in lots of 50 Bales each, & leave them with Capt. Evans, who has been instructed by Col Stockton not to surrender them to Mr. Hubachek until the Cotton is delivered -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. W. Hall
Capt & Q.M.

Majr M.M. Miller U.S.
San Antonio,
Texas,

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mississ,
Houston, Jany 3a 1865.

Maj - W. P. Vaughn, Jr.
Mississ Transfer Corps,

Major,

I have your favors of 8th 16th & 19th Inst. with endorsements - Contents fully noted -

Some of my invoices describe the Cotton by classification, but it is perfectly immaterial, as neither yours or myself are responsible for classification.

I have not yet received your memo. receipt of the Lineaia & Thomas Cotton - I will invoice it & give as you may state its condition in your receipt -

I heard some time ago about the 40 Bales of Cotton ... by Act Wolcott -

It was received in Dont Parish & Plaquemine counties, Was shorts of different lots, twas so poor that the Inspectors of the Office rejected it - I censured Mr Wolcott for shipping your such trash, but his excuse was that he loaded it (having no other) to force a refractory teamster to do his duty to Govt, & to prevent their taking Speculate freight -

I enclose Invoice & Receipts 1179½ B/C. This lot will correct the error of 65 Bales, Eleven & Eleven in Wall, as you will notice. When the Patient Bros. 5 Bales are divided please send me your memo receipt -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Agt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Jany 30. 1865.

Major H. P. Bonglass Jr.
Ass't Adjt Gen.

Major.

I enclose copy of letter from Mr Parkins Special Agt at Matamoras, which speaks for itself — I enclose also Lt. Lanes Receipts as follows.

Sept 21 1864.	Harrison & Russell.	3302 lbs
" 10 "	William Hamblin.	11.288 "
" " "	do	9765 "
" " "	do	576 "
" " "	do.	959 "

All numbers & qualities Lanes receipts & receipts of Parkins agree — Four hundred & seventy one Cotton — Bales net weight. Pounds — Bales not mentioned.

Please sign receipts & return them to me

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hall
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Gulf,
Houston, Jany 20. 1866.

Wm H Robbins Esq
Special Agent &c
Matamoras.

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th inst in regard to Mr Hanes receipts in favor of Reuter, Norman & Co, for Cotton delivered at Rio Grande City.

In compliance with your request I invoice the Cotton to Major Douglas, and send transfer papers to Mine to day.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Statement of Mr. Hanes receipts made to Maj Burgess.

Eight bales.	Norman Reuter	-	7342 lbs
" "	William Worsham		14.200 "
" "	do		9942 "
" "	do		876 "
" "	do		967 "

all delivered under contract with J. H. McKinney Special Agt.

Custom House Collectors Office
Galveston, January 20. 1866

H. A Conkling Esq Cy.
Washington

Sir,

I have your favour of 29th last under
contents -

As for friends, dare not tell you anything
definite - I am promised funds out of the
funds that accrue from across the River, & I
rely upon getting them - When they will come
I cannot say - I do know as I receive them I
will remit you -

The details of my certified accounts have
only themselves to blame for lack of success
to any - as such - I think I have done all
the Responsibility here expressions of disapprobation
to any are my own - I offended the Interests
of the Local Government - They could have done
more but it was by obeying instructions of the
Treasury Dept & the certificates will stay any
Board of Treas - It is too late to do it now,
but I am not to blame for that -

I have sent to San Antonio for Forms
for Fees & Canvas for Sea Bales - not yet
Please refresh Supt & the Surveying Officer
Mr is not on my papers -

Very respy
Your Obt
H. C Stell
Capt U.S

Cotton Bureau Kept In Hall
Houston, Jany 20. 1865

John Gardenia Esq
Bragg & Adams Charleston S.

Sir.

I have your favour of 20th Inst & made memorandum.

Major Wells wrote me under date of 22nd that that I was to wait for Sgt Baker Cotton, but have shipped to Savannah Ga. as you suggested. I only wanted to get your directions. The cotton account will be sent you shortly.

Very respy
Yours
G. E. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Kept In Hall
Houston Jany 21. 1865

G. G. Lamb Esq
Liberty Tex.

Sir.

I have your favour of 19th Inst. & note contents. The Ex R/C arrived today. also 20 Bales from West Liberty. Inside also they would write me who the Cotton comes from. I will send Receipt the instance of Bagg & Rope by next train. Any Shingle Bagging. and Rope.

Respectfully
Yours obt svt
G. E. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Ga Miss
Nassau, Jany 20. 1865

J. B. Abbott Esq Qr
Marked.

S.r,

I have your favors of 26th & 27th inst.
Inclosing cotton receipts — The R.F. Harding enclosed
are correct —

I have sent to Saml Cattonis for an Exemption
for Mrs. Marshburn for 18 Bales Cotton — I
do not understand what you mean about the
Bagging & Rope — Send me yours
Certificate for these 18 Bales, & put on it
the exact amount of Bagging & Rope I
should charge them with in the certificate
account. State the actual weight &
descriptions of the cotton on your certificate

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & C

Sub Dist

Captain Duncan Kept 2d Ohio
Newton, Jany 30. 1862

J. W. Cunningham Esq. J.P.
Pond Settlement.

Sir.

I Benajah Parsons of age & 18 years being duly sworn
according to law.

Depose and say that Abraham Whitehead enlisted
in Co. A. 2d Ohio Cavalry, on the 20th day of October
1861 at Cincinnati Ohio.

He left his wife & children destitute of means
of support, and I am informed, that he has applied
to the Agent of Pickaway County, for relief, but
was refused, on the ground that he was not a
resident of Pickaway County.

Wherefore I pray that the said Abraham Whitehead
may be allowed relief, from the County of Pickaway.

Benajah Parsons

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of January 1862.

J. W. Cunningham J.P.

Mr. Cunningham

Please find enclosed the affidavit of Benajah Parsons, in the case of Abraham Whitehead, who enlisted in Co. A. 2d Ohio Cavalry, on the 20th day of October 1861 at Cincinnati Ohio.

You will perceive that he has left his wife & children destitute of means of support, and that he has applied to the Agent of Pickaway County, for relief, but was refused, on the ground that he was not a resident of Pickaway County.

Please examine the matter, and if you find that the facts are as stated in the affidavit, you will please grant relief, from the County of Pickaway, to the wife & children of Abraham Whitehead.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Bell
Capt. F. C.

Mattoon Bureau Sept 7th Ills
Mattoon, June 31. 1865

P. G. Bottell Esq.
Matoon,

Dear

I have obtained from the Labor Bureau an order on Capt. Hitchcock for 15 negroes for you Capt McKay would not assign any particular negroes by name, as he said they might not be liable to conscription, but Capt. Hitchcock will give you the ones you want - I send the order of detail to Capt Hitchcock by this mail, Please call on them and get the necessary papers.

I enclose copy of Capt McKays letter to me by which you will see that it is necessary for you to make monthly returns of the negroes and procure my name with satisfactory evidence that the same has been paid - This is to prevent the negroes from having a claim against the Govt. for a time - Please be particular about this Report, as the negroes will be taken away unless you make it regularly -

Very respy
yr obt svt
P. G. Hitchcock
Capt & PC.

Galveston Harrison Co Texas
Houston. Aug 21. 1865

Lt. Col. Lloyd Esq
Head Quarters.

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst & note contents. I have obtained from the Rebel Surgeon an order on Capt Hotchkiss for 9 negroes for you. Not knowing what that order may particularly request by name, & he not being in the city, might not the Bearer of your request, Capt. Whitaker with you the ones you want. I send the order which is to be left at the mail. Please call on Hotchkiss & get the necessary papers.

I enclose copy of Capt. H Hays' letter & ask why which you will see that of is necessary for him to make monthly reports of the negroes, & in company some such satisfactory evidence that he pays them their wages. This is to prevent the owners from having a claim against the Govt for Wages. Please call for instruction about this matter, as the negroes will be taken away unless you can make it as speedily.

Very respectfully
your obt. svt
E. R. Hodges
Capt & AQ

Carlos Barracks Kept. 1st Mich
Houston, Texas Dec 31st 1865

Capt. H. H. Hitchcock,
Commanding Officer, Fort Co.

Capt.

I have the honor to enclose Special orders
No 17, assigning 24 negroes to me, viz:
[illegible]
[illegible] P. C. Hatch.

The Quarter Master has the negroes already selected & would like a Guard to go there to-morrow & the same reason to do so, as a change of Guards might interfere with this arrangement, and cause delay in the movement of Cotton & other supplies to the Quarter Master at Galveston.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
C. C. Hatch
Capt. 1st Co.

Cotton Exam. Kept 2 Miles
Houston, June 22nd 65

Mr. J. Sohn Esq. &c-
Richmond

Sir

I have your favor of 20th last under cover
& enclosures -

The 2n Bales of King Cotton has not yet arrived -
I shall get the additional Bale from Gibbes &
Hutchins, or Cord the Yarn -

I am glad the whole matter has been settled
entirely a Genial restart to Yourself -

I enclose certified account for J. King -
for 1865 the new issue - I suppose the returns
you the surplus of Bagging & Rope

You can let Mr Dallis have the
extra Bagging & Rope the negroes. Please
send the cost of back to me for alteration -
Hadn't me the exact additional quantity you
give him -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & AC

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston June 21. 1865

W. A. Lewis Esq P.M
Cold Springs

Sir

Young Kirksey still has on hand one Bale of the Sea Island Cotton, purchased in 1864 - Please obtain it & forward & me as early as possible.

Very respy
Your obt svt
Co. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, June 21. 1865

F. B. Bailey Esq P.M
Huntsville

Sir,

Smith & Walker still owe me 22 ½ ℔ being the unsettled matter between them, & Rawlings & Forsyth, which these gentlemen have promised pay they would make good - Please obtain the Cotton & send it to me as early as possible.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Capitol Bureau of Ref
Hartford Jany 31. 1865

C. H. Bowthorn Esq
Pittsburgh

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith Said Boy Wallace Jones's discharge from the service of the United States, and have to request that you will cause the same to be delivered to him.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
O. H. Perry
Capt & A.A.G.

Capitol Bureau of Ref
Hartford Jany 31. 1865

Lt. W. Foote Jr Aagt
Hartford

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith the following certificate of Wallace Jones

Private Co H 2nd Regt Conn Heavy Artillery

" " U.S. Gunboat " Wyandotte " " " 1st " 15th "

which you will please cause to be delivered to him. This is necessary for his identification

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
O. H. Perry
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau A.G.O.
Houston Jany 31. 1865 –

Sherman Reynolds & Co agts
Banks

Sirs

Please find enclosed the following certificates and
permits –

Certificate for Bale Cotton for 10266 & permit No 2089 for 24 Bales
" " Jno Cleaf " 1336 " " 2090 " 2 "

You will please not deliver under
any circumstances certificate & said permits until the cotton
is actually and bona-fide delivered to you –

Please acknowledge receipt of
same –

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau A.G.O.
Houston January 31 1865 –

Sherman Reynolds & Co
Shipping Clerk

Sirs

Please find enclosed the following permit –
for 1 Bale Cotton marked and numbered as
per Margin . Jno Cleaf . 1336 . 2090 .

The remaining certificate we
have given out for Cotton not shipped to night
Please acknowledge receipt of –
permits –

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
Lo. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau U.S.A.
Liverpool Jany 31. 1865 — 27

Bailey Esqr
Galveston

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst and note contents — Upon your request the Cotton per Ship Alabama has been shipped to Galveston, Texas, consigned to your address — Invoice & Bill of Lading herewith —

Have also sent per steamer Denbigh 30 bales Cotton per your direction, agreeable to your request the same are charged account for miscellaneous, but this is only to cover advances we had from the late Henry Lovell —

I will send you via Matamoras all funds I may receive from Galveston, and like remainder of Cotton &c — As regards drafts upon me I will see to their being duly honored —

I am anxiously awaiting receipt of Cotton per Lovell —

Yours

I am under the impression that Mr Lovell owned in addition to the Cotton shipped per Alabama & Denbigh, 100 bales per Lovell —

Boston Bureau of Int Rev
Houston Jany 31. 1865 — 28

To Daniel Eng
Maine

Sir

Please find enclosed permit for one
hundred & 20 1855 for 15 barrels alcohol
Please deliver on furnishing bond

Yours truly
Asst Supt
[illegible]

To John Williams Esq
Boston

Sir

Please find enclosed certificate of Bonded
[illegible] Co's permit No 2086 for
[illegible]

Boston Bureau of Int Rev
Jany 31, 1865 —

Very Respt
Asst Supt
[illegible]

Cotton Bureau S.C.S.
Houston Jany 31. 1865

J. H. Gibson Esq
Comy

Sir
✓ Please find enclosed certified copy of Power
Jan. 31st. Order for $ 100 00 and permit No 2055 for
✓ 100 lbs Cotton from

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau. Dept of Texas
Houston. Jany 31 1865

Majr A. W. Weitzel, C.S.
San Antonio.

Majr.

I enclose my Requisitions
No 1010 G. H. Crawford 100 bales cotton &c
1013 J. R. Spann 50 " " "
1012 E. K. Patrick & E. Hall 50 " " "
for which please send me proper shipments in same
names for Transportation.

Very respy
your obt svt
E. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Ucetta Bonneau Keith 2 Bales
Houston Jany 31. 1865-

-J. H. Janine Esq Gt.
La Grange.

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 28th last
with enclosures as stated -
The 6 Bales Bloomfield Cotton &
" " Col. Hutchins' old crop,
you will please include in your next
delivery to Ball, Hutchings & Co.- &
then release yourself of further ac-
-countability -

The order in favor of Ball H & Co.
to the only one now out upon you, and
once -- you all the Cotton you have
engaged for - Believe to much
of your own upon it, & will make
up the deficiency here.

Please advise there the quantity you
have ready for there as soon as all
they may make arrangements for you
to remove -

Very truly
yours
Ucetta Bonneau
Keith & Co

Cotton Bureau Receipt & Sales
Houston, Jany 21. 1865

Shannan Reynolds Esq Cpt
Bastrop -

Sir.

I have your favor of 28th last -
Yours of 14th & 19th came duly to hand &
I have sent to San Antonio for the Permits
to save time & make sure of them for the
Quantities - You shall have them as
soon as received -

Please send me your estimate of the
Cotton on hand in Bastrop County, on
1st Jany - as requested -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Hall
Capt & C.

Please advise Bell Rutherford & Co. the
amount of Cotton you have ready for
delivery & where in order that they
may make arrangements for its
removal -

It will take all the Cotton you have
engaged, to fill the orders I have there.
I will make up any deficiency elsewhere -

G. G. Hall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 31. 1865

J. D. Sedden Esq Sec
Savannah.

Sir.

I have your two favors of 26th inst with
endorsements as stated -
I now enclose Maj Hillis' permit granted
J. H. Camp & Co. Jany 16. 65 - 16 B/Cotton
for 1000 lbs -
I have no further use for the Council,
but cannot authorize their Agent Private
Cotton - If he has 5 or more mule teams
he can get hauling at Allegheny from Kyle
& Co. contractors -
Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Hill Q.
Capt & C.S.

7 J. M. Kenney
for Capt Ed. Bonnie

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Jany 31. 1865

Capt Thos J. M. Kenney.
Washington.

Sir,

I have your favor of 27th inst
with enclosures as stated - I will
furnish further returns in time -
Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Hill

Cotton Bureau of the
Canada Feby 1. 1864

D. L. Sears Esq agt
Montreal

Sir

Please find enclosed the following Remarks
Sales Journ[illegible] from 27 Jany to 1 Feby
[illegible]
you are wished not to make
[illegible]

Central Bureau, Dept of the Miss
Memphis, Tenn. Jan 1. 1866

Lt. E. Hinrichs Eng
Memphis.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your communication of 18th inst. from Austin, and as requested now enclose the papers relating to Buckner Riggs & Hutchens claim.

[illegible] with Col Hutchens Apl 22 1864.
Voucher - Col Hutchens to Col Perkins Jany 7. 1865
do - do Perkins " 24 "
Col Hutchens " do " 1 " 0
do " do " 22 "
Statement of Pecan sent to Col Perkins Jan 8 1865

The papers contain all the information you desire, & I think will prove satisfactory as the orders to Col Perkins are explicit, and he will not fail under them to pay the Balance due your firm.

The resources of this Office are so entirely cut off by the new Regulations that I cannot hold out any hope of payment in the interim but I feel satisfied that you will receive the full amount from Col Perkins on application to him as above mentioned.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.Q.M.

Boston Bureau of the
Houston Feb 1, 1865—

L. L. Fleming Esqr
Prairie Mound

Sir

Please find enclosed the following list of
Negro Slave Bonds—

No 1900	John F. Rowan	for one Dollar	Each
" 1901	Jas. M. Burdett	" "	"
" 1902	L. L. Fleming	" "	"
" 1903	"	" "	"
" 1904	"	" "	"
" 1905	"	" "	"
" 1906	Simon & Jackson	" 10	"

You are instructed not to
deliver any Negro to either of them unless
they in addition to the above amount shall
execute—

very Respt
your Obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Confederate Bureau

Galveston July 1, 1865

A. B. Bailey Esq Agt
Columbia

Sir

Please find enclosed the following papers

Cotton Bureau Dept St Louis
Warehouse, Feby 1. 1865

F. A. Clarke Esq Agt
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 30th ult. in regard to the seizure of R. F. Wanvil & R. M. Stone's detention the 20 Bls Cotton at San Antonio. I enclose copy of Original Bill Lading by which you will see that the Cotton belongs to them at the time in the possession of Davis from whom it was purchased. Cotton to be sent should have some where it is sent, and if they do not, they are responsible for it's loss.

Please apply again to Gen Halbert for permission in writing.

I do not understand how the United States could have anything to do with the Cotton, unless you state on the Bill that it is 20 miles N of Brownsville —

Yours truly
J. C. Hill
Agent T.C.

Hustings Dunsan Esqr Jr Mayor
Hustings Petersburg 6. 1845

A. A. Selden Esqr Clk
Petersburg.

Sir. I have given notice of Mr Long's motion
for tonight.
I now enclose Hugh Nelson's Journal to date
for as Mr Selden will Gordon Lewis & Wade —
Please acknowledge receipt —

Very respectfully
Yr obt svt
G. W. Hustings
Mayor &c.

Cotton Bureau of the
Hqrs Dept Feby 1, 1864

Major

I have the honor to forward the following permits
for the transportation of Cotton

1	1	Mrs. Chas. Hamell	for	4	Bales Cotton
1	15	"	"	10	"
1	17	"	"	10	"
1	19	"	"	1	"
1	33	"	"	7	"
1	30	"	"	10	"
1	35	"	"	1 25	"
1	34	"	"	10	"
1	36	"	"	1	"
1	11	"	"	25	"
1	31	"	"	10	"
1	32	"	"	25	"
1	33	"	"	8	"
1	34	"	"	1 8	"
1	30	"	"	32	"
1	17	"	"	10	"
1	18	"	"	1	"
1	15	"	"	1 4	"
1	14	"	"	10	"
1	13	"	"	6	"
1	16	"	"	1	"
1	12	"	"	5	"
1	24	"	"	1	"
1	25	"	"	8	"
1	22	"	"	5	"
1	26	"	"	5	"

The applicants are obliged to
have permits signed by Superintendents
Registered & endorsed on same at Provost Marshal's Office
before leaving Town under the penalties
specified in Circular Letter of the 24th Inst.

Cotton Bureau D of W
Charleston Feby 1. 1865

Capt Hood Engr
Danville

Please find enclosed the following permits in your favor

Jas	2064	for	8	Bales
"	2070	"	8	"
"	2072	"	9	"

Please acknowledge

Very Respy
Your Obdt Svt
Lt. Col. Wirtz
Supt Bureau C & T

Cotton Bureau D & T
Charleston Feby 2 1865

Capt. Jones Engr
Anderson

Sir

Please find enclosed Permits for Wirtz to receive from Capt Hood Engr Danville Va & forward for to Charleston

Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respy
Your Obdt Svt
Lt. Col. Wirtz
Supt Bureau C & T

Cotton Bureau
Houston Feby 2. 1865—

Col. S. A Miller and
Crockett

Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits—

No 2263	from J. P. Hordeman	for	9	Bales Cotton
" 1975	" Sam'l Jones	"	10	"
" 1975	" Jno F Eldridge	"	12	"
" 2091	" Stilwell Bros	"	1	"
" 1102	" Chas Bender	"	30	"
" 1979	" Neil Allen	"	18	"
" 1100	" Thos C Bailey	"	11	"
" 2094	" F. L Summerlin	"	12	"
" 2156	" Jas Cochran	"	20	"
" 2101	" John F Smith	"	2	"
" 1991	" H H Beason	"	6	"

The parties from whom these permits were issued are to be considered as speculators, Please decide upon the amount of cotton to be actually turned over to you.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
Lo. G Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Capt H Mills
Houston, May 2. 1865

Major A. H. Willie Com'd.
Sour Antonio.

Major.

I have given several persons as follows,
May 26.65 - Shoulder Permits.

" " " 2 "
" " " 30 "
" " " 21 "

not as stated -
Very respy
Your obt
H. G. Stelle
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau C.S.A.
Houston May 2. 1865 -

Maj. A. Carter &c
Galveston

Major

Please find enclosed Major Willie permit no 3 issued Feb 1865 for 12 Bales Cotton -

Cotton Bureau Office
Houston Feby 2, 1865

T. H. Cunningham Esq agt
Port Sullivan

Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits

2448 - T. A Johnson for 6 Bales Cotton
1500 - A Im Massengale " 22 "
1501 - B. Steelman " 7 "
1502 - Th. G Eastwood " 6 "
1506 - R H Davis " 30 "
1509 - L. H. Cain " 22 "
1513 - D & H White " 25 "
1514 - W. P. Perkins " 8 "
1515 - Jno McGaw " 35 "

Please be careful and do not permit under any pretence whatever the cotton to be taken off and have it delivered over to your Provost Marshal for receipt.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Office
Houston Feby 2, 1865

Maj Genl Magruder
Galveston

Sir

Please find enclosed Major Wells permit in favor of 50 Bales for 60 Bales cotton - please grant authority to ship.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.S.

Circular -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Gen's Office
Houston Texas May 30. 1865 -

Sir,

To enable me to close the business of this Office with accuracy and relieve you and myself from any further responsibility I require the following statement from you -

1st A full exhibit, as per form enclosed of all the receipts and deliveries of Cotton made by you while agent of this Bureau -

2nd A full exhibit as per form enclosed of all the Receipts and deliveries of Bagging & Rope during your period -

3d Your final account for services as agent. You can now very nearly know many Bales you will deliver & enjoy the amount of your pay -

These papers should be there by 15th Inst. A prompt compliance with the above will save you and myself many vexatious enquiries in the future - Now is the time to settle with least trouble & annoyance -

The statements 1 & 2 above will show a Balance of Cotton & Bagging & Rope in your hands - Taking these Balances as starting points, I desire you to make reports of Shipments & deliveries every Ten Days -

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Hon. E. Hasterman Esq Gen'l -
Brazoria -

Carson Bureau D. of Mi
Carson City Sep 2. 1865

Gen. Geo Ker Clapp
Comd'g District

Gen. I send inclosed the Callaneing permits
one hundred Dollars for 25 Ballebaskets

2055	"	Lew R Thomas	"	10	"
2057	"	Gab. Felder	"	50	"
2058	"	M. A Lake	"	20	"
2059	"	G. A. Gaughan	"	3	"
2062	"	B. F Sacker	"	14	"
2063	"	J. Mather	"	20	"
2064	"	J. M Stone	"	15 —	"
2065	"	W. H. Bowman	"	4	"
2066	"	Jno. L. Smith	"	10	"
2067	"	"	"	10	"
2068	"	D. McGladerMontgomery	"	3	"
2069	"	M. R. Gomez	"	8	"
2063	"	H H Banning	"	40	"
2070	"	J. J. Cook	"	6	"
2071	"	Thos Cochran	"	15 —	"
2072	"	A H Hammond	"	10	"
2073	"	J. L. Brown	"	20	"
2074	"	H. H Banning	"	49	"
2075	"	"	"	20	"
2076	"	"	"	15	"
2077	"	"	"	15	"
2078	"	"	"	16	"
2079	"	"	"	25	"
2076	"	H. E Crump	"	10	"
2076	"	A M McClellan	"	10	"

In each of these cases
the Commissioner has obtained an advance of
thirty per cent and sent them to you so that if you
can discover them under your license there will
be time and opportunity to permit & collect the
tax before they have removed from the

Freedmen Bureau Office
Tuscaloosa July 2. 1865

Capt. Wm Ezgatt
Talladega
Ala

Please find enclosed Pass for Hattie permit no 1917 you are sent herewith for 15 Bls
Believe no further until the
matter has been duly investigated
Very Respt
your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Freedmen Bureau Office
Tuscaloosa July 2. 1865

Capt. Wm Ezgatt
Talladega
Ala

Please find enclosed the following permits
No 2363 Jane Hatfield for 25 Bales Cotton
" 2364 " J. G. Reed " 33 "
" 2365 " B. D. Thomas " 10 "
" 2366 " J. Alexander " 3 "
" 2367 " J. McCreight " 15 " "
" 2368 " H. Thompson " 10 "
" 2369 " W. Osborne " 10 "
" 2370 " D. Pennington " 10 "
Do not release any Cotton
until after the matter is investigated
by this office
Very Respt
your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau A.S.W.
Galveston Feby 2. 1865

Ben Stones Esq Agt
Brenham

Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits
No 2195 from T.J. Banks for 25 Bales Cotton
" 2196 " " " 25 "
" 2197 " " " 25 "
" 2198 " " " 25 "
" 2128 " R.F. Flewellin " 25 "
" 2129 " " " 25 "
" 2224 " " " 25 "
" 2210 " " " 25 "
" 2191 " R. Brandlee & Co " 25 "
" 2192 " S.B. Hardwick " 25 "
" 2193 " C.F. Saunders " 16

Send of these permits as soon in advance of delivery and when so given to be handed the parties when they have delivered to you, but be sure and do not allow cotton to depart from the possession of a permit holder after the cotton has been actually and in good faith loaded, even for one day. Beware of the actual delivery of the cotton and Beware of BURNING vessels. Shall see you soon

Very Resp
Wm H Sayles
Cot Agt
Galveston

Cotton Bureau A.F.W.C. 50
Cautions Feb 2. 1865

Lt Col Fabian Bagaat
Lagrange

Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits
No 2213 from W H Williams for 11 Bales Cotton
" 2214 " Thos Robertson " 1 "
" 2215 " A Rose " 3 "
" 2178 " H. & Mc Gowen " 10 "
" 2211 " E A Williams " 8 "
" 2190 " L. L. Hunt " 20 "
" 2195 " B Heffner " 1 "
" 2192 " Jas L Gay " 25 "
" 2200 " F. T Shaw " 10 "
" 2209 " " " 5 —
" 2204 " Jno Slack " 18 —
" 2199 " Jno E Brooks " 10 "
" 2205 — " Patton & Patton " 55 — "
" 2203 " Mrs Tate " 6 "
" 2202 " Nathan Thomas " 10 "
" 2201 " T H Sigare " 15 "
" 2206 " J. Banks " 20 "

Most of these permits were issued in advance of delivery and I could show or have handed the parties when they have the cotton over to you - but the case and in no circumstances depart from the practice in future permits after the cotton has been actually and in good faith turned over to you -

When the parties have delivered over the cotton and received their bonds and permits they must with the aid of the Provost Marshal and Provost Guard see that the cotton is

Capt. W. W. Bennett
Bayou Sara

Capt. W. W. Bennett Esq
Bayfield Hall

Sir

Please find enclosed Major Helles permits
for 237 & 238 in your favor for 2 & 1 bales
respectively —

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Houston, February 2, 1865.

Capt. W. W. Bennett,
Natchez.

Sir.

Mr. C. Ripley writes me from Shreveport
Jany 25, that you will forward several Bbls
Syrup to Natchez for Col Nutt to Care of others,
among them Mr. Jas. Sorley 1 Bbl —

I have just seen Mr. Sorley and he prefers to have his Barrel at Huntsville. If your train goes through Huntsville please have the Barrel left with Mr. D. B. Bailey — If not please direct it to be left with A. S. Vedder at Navasota —

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Capt Z. Neis
Houston, Feby 9. 1866.

Mr. B. Goats
Houston.

Sir,

At your request I make the following statement -

Mr. G. W. Hardy having removed certain Govt. Cottons from Brazos County and I being duly informed of the same, I took measures to stop their progress affecting it to his own use, and on 24th Inst received at the Depot of the Central RR, in Houston Eleven Bales which he had improperly shipped & consigned to you -

The Cotton I received is as follows
of 21 Bales - 18 B.E. Hardy - 3 R.H. Hardy - Now are
state terms ... last Year, & I hereby
warn you not to accept from them any portion
of this Cotton, as it will be my duty to claim
it whenever it may be found -

Your request is upon them personally,
if you are injured in this matter. He
has no property in the Cotton and could not
convey none to you -

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Land Office Bureau G. C. M.
Houston Feby 3, 1864

S. Swearingen Esq agt
Prairie Chapel

Please find enclosed permit No 1951 for one
J. Stewart for 2 Cotton

Be sure and deliver no
permits until after the cotton has been turned
over to you.

Very Respt
your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & A A G

Land Office Bureau G. C. M.
Houston Feby 3. 1864

T. S. Peddle. Esq agt
Lavaca

Sir

Please find enclosed permits Nos 1795 and
1796 in favor of J. M. Whitlock for 80 & 160 acres of
cotton which please deliver.

Very Respt
your Obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & A A G

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Houston Feb 3rd 1863

Mr John Fry
Richmond

Dear Sir.

Yours of 1st inst to hand with Enclosures. — I cannot make out your Acct until you answer the Statement which I let you have for $ 740 — Please send the document down by return Mail.

Yours truly,
Percy

I notice in your Statem[t] that you charge 10[cts] for Pole Labor besides the 9[cts] this cannot be allowed.

Indian Bureau Sept 3. 1868

Houston Texas Sept 3 1868

Colonel

I have the honor to report that I have
[illegible] agent to make the annual
payments [illegible] the Indians
of [illegible] Reservation [illegible]
[illegible]

I regret that the Treaty cannot have been kept &
[illegible] do many outrages [illegible] the country have
been & Smoker, & various and an enormously [illegible]
amount than [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] upon the case of persons as state counties
those Debts of absconded to reject. Planters are
now petitioning the Crops Vessels & Stops for
people to give them those Cotton despatch
pd they say. The alternative to those is a Stand
still. They must either lose their Servants or fail
to make a crop. either would be a serious loss
to them. & the Country discontents to the people at
large as well the army. I think these is
good reason for Government interference
now. People will inevitably attack blame to
them, (though erroneously) as this repeated order
on the subject and the reliance they had on
this ability to spread those who conscripted work
[illegible] 35 have been the inducements for those
to abandon their Cotton. They only wanted
time to retrieve those losses the [illegible] misrepresentations
of their contractors when the exportation or sale
of their Cotton. I am satisfied he would do
what can be done for their relief, and I trust
there will be no further time in obtaining
the possible. A memorial on this subject
will probably be forwarded via a few days. by
the Steamer who are so deeply interested.
As soon as I can do so I will forward you
the report. [illegible] & Hope Russell
Jun. I have not yet put a crop in
my ground, hoping for the reason that we may
have been exempted compulsorily on account
[illegible]. I shall [illegible] nothing until
the last moment & may be driven than I desire
in closing up.

The damaged Cotton I sold was absolutely value less as Cotton. seeing the Book cannot prove the Amount & Nature of Swanton Cotton Purchased at the Sale for One Bale more or less it will not be required for that purpose, it would be worth nothing to the Bank. I am glad of an opportunity to put it off my hands. more especially as the sale released my property on account of freight money I have been forced to raise money for I might be in debt, and not always by sales that more satisfactory & anybody, so I could never procure the 25 Schedule unless the Cotton was sold

Persons have been selling on the Street for 5% & 6% for some weeks past the better bail could be obtained — Moreover, if I could provide Such Bonds in any other way I would have done so and rescinded the sale — for fundamental reasons. The first that the transaction might be proportional to margin. I did not consider as the circumstances were always be forever the result show that only the interest of the Bank was concerned. I thank you for your approval however prior to if made it is a flattering evidence of your confidence in my judgment.

Respectfully
Your obt
C. B. Wells
Cashr

Lieut H. H. Brownell
Shreveport
La

Hamilton Feby 3, 1865

Mr. Ripley Esq
Stevenson & Co
Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 23rd ult.
advising donation of $ 50 Gold Signup, for
which please thank the Citizens for me.
I am considerable in debt.

Mr. Sanders Col Nicholas & Mr Ballenger
have been duly advised — Of Mr Sanders
in particular I have asked Capt. Barniere to
inform him to call at Hamtramck if
the Troops have gone through there — & not to leave
it longer at Hamtramck —

I am sorry the Col. did not attach more
importance upon the idea of Amongst ourselves, because
I regard this opinion as valuable, and must
do every thing to carry the way through — He
was willing enough to flatter because it
served his purpose upon me, and I am determined
he should not be disappointed in me — The
Indians were worthless trash and could not
be called for as Comd. especially from the
Hamtramck — I got fifty value for the Blankets
I could conscientiously & made a good trade —

Judge Brady received instructions twice about
the Indians & Hamtramck very seriously, unless the
Chief can produce them to me I cannot &
shall not send —

Yours Truly
G. T. Sibley

Custom House Exchange In Office
Hamilton. February 9. 1865 —

Messrs W. B. Dooley & Co.
Hamilton.

Gentlemen —

The following are the Schedule prices charged for Cotton by this Office.

	to Feby 28th	To March 10 Inclusive.
Ordinary	9	11
Mid Ordy	11	13
Low Middy	12½	15
Middling	14	17
Good Middy	15	18

The imposts by the "Bahama" on Gold & Bags are payable in Nassau at the rate mentioned in the second column, and the imposts by the second Bill are payable at the rate in the third column. The prices in first column do not apply to transactions with gun on board of the "Bahama".

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
W. B. Dooley
Collr & C

Cotton Bureau A.E.F.
Houston Feby 3. 1865

Lt. Col. of Ordnance
Austin

Please find enclosed 4 forms 2.88 2468-2469-2470-2471 which all sign in favor of J. H. Sewall Bro. for 50 bales cotton each. I will mail you the others forms as received.

Please advise me forms sent & if you have received the cotton

Very respy
yr obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau A.E.F.
Houston Feby 3. 1865

C. of Ordnance Except
Austin

Please find enclosed 10 2462 from John Studdard for 50 bales cotton. I will mail you other executed forms as received. Please do not deliver the permit until you receive the cotton.

Very Respy
yr obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Eastern Bureau of Ex
Galveston July 3. 1865

Per A. L. Hill
Chaffee & Hill

Please find enclosed draft Nos. for amount
as per bills of Lading & Invoice
& oblige Yours truly
E. G. Wells
Captain

Eastern Bureau A. F. Rel
Galveston July 3. 1865

Per Steamer Ida
Sachse

Sir

Please find enclosed the following invoices
Invoice of 3 Packages Cotton 1 Bale Cotton
" " 23 "
" " Joseph Cotton " 1 "

Please deliver the forwarded
as per bill of lading & oblige

Your Obdt
Servt
E. G. Wells
Captain

Please find enclosed the following list of [illegible]

[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	10	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	10	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	40	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	40	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	13	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	13	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	6	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5	"
[illegible]	"	[illegible]	"	5

Custom House Collr's Office
Hamilton, Feby 3. 1865.

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have your favour of 30th Ult. and note
contents

Upon returning your Certificate
of Naturalization, received _ I find that it was written
for 2.000 ft

I do not know what Screw returned with
from San Antonio _ You should have those
at once as requested.

Citizen was not entitled to as many
Certificates as you asked for _ I do not
know if I could the application.

Mary Fish Collins to naturalized
from Austria Female
Washington County _

Her Father Collins is naturalized
I believe you can make out the Certificate
accordingly - Mary Jr - for the two children.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. C. Wells
Collr

Collector Bureau Dept. St. Mail
Hamilton Feby 3. 1865

F. D. Bailey Esqr. P.M.
Huntsville

Sir

I have the receipt of your favor of the 2d Inst. duly handed me.

I do not know what can be done for those persons who have been enrolled to perform their tours of duty as required — that if upon their representations I should be satisfied that it would work hardship to require them to perform — I have no authority to provide for them. If the men refuse to go they must be reported for desertion and dealt with accordingly.

I enclose the Form of application for transportation of recruits and you will please be governed thereby —

You will also find enclosed the necessary papers for the authority to pay for the services. In making out the Abstract of Authority I have carefully examined over the Enrolment Record, and I should like you to have your Enrolling Officer carefully examine over the list of Drafted men for the county and see that the name of [illegible]

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Yours truly
Daniel Ould
Com. G. Office
Enrolling

Sutton Bureau A.T.
Fairview Alta T. 1865

Please find enclosed the following permits
from [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] " [illegible] "
[illegible] " [illegible] "
Please the enclosed and
[illegible] and [illegible] which after your name
[illegible] Sutton Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
your Obt Svt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sutton Bureau A.T.
Fairview Alta T. 1865

Please find enclosed the following permits
[illegible] from [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] " [illegible] "
[illegible] and [illegible] which after your name
[illegible] Sutton Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
your Obt Svt
[illegible]
[illegible]

Baltimore Bourse, No.
Baltimore July 1, 1865

Wm. Gwynn Esq
Bryan Baltimore

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and will do as you request. Please find enclosed certificate of shares for 5 shs. As required I will pay you $10.00 for the 5 shs. Hoping this will be satisfactory to you I remain

Yours Respectfully
Wm. H. Hines
Wm. H. Hines Jr.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Indian Bureau
Agency Office

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept Miss Miss
Hazelhurst Feby 4. 1865

Lt. P. H. Hatmaker
Monticello.

Sir.

I am in receipt of yours favor of 30th Ult. and
contents.

Under the circumstances attending the sale of the
50 Bales Cotton, belonging to Mr Rogers' Estate to Govt,
I could give you the option of engaging with the con-
-tract or declining to do so. The place of the Office
should have been properly stated to you by the C.S.
Commissioner the three Agents for Wadesboro County.
you should have had a fair opportunity to decide
upon it yourself. Mr Osgood is not the
not there on [illegible] Office and his autho-
-rity in this matter has been voluntary or on
of the instance of Mr Black who is now Agent a
Planter of Mr. Commissioner. My objection
with these gentlemen is that I have heard the
were acting as agents for several planters in
Purchase of Cotton, & as a matter of course
could not do justice to the Govt. Should
Mr. Commissioner was dismissed, and I refused
appointed Agent. So much for this
Agency in the contract with you. I am
glad you have not regarded the remarks
of the Cotton & Osgood and took upon it
not do on if the Govt his trade with you upon
his volunteered agency for the Govt.
Mr Black having certified to me the

Your note from you I applied to Major Wellie for your permit, and have just received it. If you will complete the sale by the delivery of the Cotton I will send the permit to you. I will not urge it upon you more than to say the Goat needs all the Cotton she Burnes to be contracted for & more too, to pay for the Supplies we have brought in since July, & your Cotton will be gratefully applied if I receive it. I would be glad if you will call on Mr Bailey, the Local Agent at Huntsville & obtain from him a full explanation of our marking Cotton - You can then determine upon its bringing or disadvantages as compared with the Season Place, and decide for yourself -

I request that you will advise me before 15th inst as to your determination in order that I may return the permit for cancellation in case you decide against a delivery -

Hon Reuben H Judge Grant Sale would say that I am confident he will reconsider the matter & remove the limits. Your own knowledge, Experience & the extent of the obligation assumed by the Govt in issuing these permits, will enable you to judge whether any consideration as to the Judge should cause will die, or not.

Yours truly

G. G. Dibrell

Gen'l &c

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss.
Houston, Feby 4. 1865

Maj Gen'l Browning &c
Chapel Hill.

Sir,

I have yours of 30. last & make
answer -

Judge Gray means just what he says -
that is - if the permits are not used by
May 1st they cannot be used at all -
He has so greatly exceeded his powers
by thus abrogating contracts made by the
Govt. under authority, that I do not regard
his circular as having any particular force,
and am confident that he will reconsider
it, and ... the limit - It appears
me that his main object is to induce holders
of permits to use them as early as possible
and thus clear the way for a fair trial of
the Treasury plan - His effort will
doubtless be made to induce Mine to withdraw
the limit altogether - I do not say this
officially, but I know it would be done,
and I have confidence in the success of the
effort - To carry out this circular
would be manifest injustice to the mass
of the Planters & Cotton holders of the State,

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wooley
Capt & C.

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Custom House Boston Collr's Office
Boston February 24. 1865.

Col. Wm. H. McKinney
Special Agt &c
Boston.

Sir,

I enclose Main Collr's Permit to Collector Foran & Co. Bangchan for 16 B/ Cotton 7950 lbs. being for a delivery as certified to by Lt. Rennie, Sub Agt. under date of Washington January 20. 65.

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Custom House Boston Collr's Office
Boston February 24. 1865

Wm. H. Halstead Esq Agt
Alexandria.

Sir.

I have your favor of 8th inst touching Permits.

The Permits for Trade Northwards have been issued from Custom's Office.

I have no funds & pay & pay out after date 1st Sept. & do not know when any will arrive.

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Custom House Dept of State
Havana. February 4. 1865

Major A. H. Hillis
San Antonio.

Major.

I have your favors of 28th 28th 29th & 30th
hands, with enclosures as stated. All of which I have
duly examined & found correct. I shall
order the same exact of clerical assistance that you
do. Owing the want of signatures & other errors that
unavoidably exist. In the formation of the
Manufacture, the 2nd. I have on my certificate of 1865
I have altered the 50 Boxes into 20 Boxes. The
error was in my certificate. Please alter your
copy to correspond. The manifest is correct.
I have one other error in my Certificates.
of 1865 - C. L. Batchelder 25 Boxes, Nos 32 to
1865 A. H. Brandon 15 " 9,575,
Please refer to the Certificates, as they are correct.
Please hand & seal. Battle the two permits
for himself & one for Scoggins, as it is
Sunday he should receive them.
Thank you for the information about
forwarding Permits for Bustamente. I
was glad something was needed, but did
not attend to take my measures myself
without further information.
Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. E. Hall
Capt A.C.S.

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Lt. A. J. McKinney
Special Agent
Austin

Sir

Herewith find enclosed the following permits for Cotton

No. 2475 from S. L. Rundle for 33 Bales
" 2476 " " " 33 "
" 2477 " " " 34 "
" 2478 " J. R. Moore " 10 "
" 2479 " Wm F. Hanson " 16 "
" 2469 " Thos J Goodwin " 6 "
" 2470 " A G. Compton " 50 "
" 2471 " C. B Evans " 20 "
" 2472 " F. M. Truesdale " 18 "
" 2468 " J. J Swan & Bro " 98 "
" 2467 " E. M Pollard & E Keach " 10 "
" 2466 " " " 50 "
" 2465 " " " 40 "
" 2464 " J. S Hunt & J. J Scott " 50 "
" 2463 " " " 50 "
" 2462 " " " 50 "

In all these instances the permits have been obtained in advance of the delivery of the cotton. Please be careful and under no circumstances deliver a permit to be forwarded after the cotton has been regularly and duly passed & turned over to you

Very Respt
your Obt Svt
A. G. Hall
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Exchange, Sept 7th 1865.
Houston, Texas

Hon. Gen. Reynolds, Brig. Gen. Wheeler
Shreveport, La

Gentlemen.

I have given favors of no. 6 here & create
evidence - he reply I can only say that Sally
Norris is no longer entitled any jurisdiction and that
Major Davis who has control of that District, is the
proper officer to give orders on Agent Bastrop.
I find upon examination of my Bills of lading that
of cotton shipped for my own account
from Dallas County 83 Bales & Hdkfs
Rapides County 116 " "
by my letter dated 25th inst, addressed to Gen. Reynolds
and of a letter to the Provost Marshal dated the 2nd inst
I have nothing to gain or lose and the payments upon
a receipt entitle the party to them.
Should it be deemed proper to furnish Major Davis
with a copy of the Proclamation letter to the Provost Marshal
upon which to ground an order for funds in hand, or such
portion thereof as may be due Confederate Govt. I
will be happy to furnish Rapides County & each Govt. funds
sufficient to pay under the 2nd.

Very respectfully your obt
E. G. Norris
Capt A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Office in Miss
Memphis, Feby 6. 1865.

Col. B. W. Bowdoin,
Manchester Va.

Sir,

Your letter (for your favor) finds me in somewhat of a quandary - I have made no disposition of the Mills County Cotton, but probably done of the Chicago County Cotton through inadvertance - One thing is the last, in a moment of ignorance & forgetfulness of your prior claims, I gave an order on the Agent for the Chicago C. Cotton, in favor of another party - Today I have done my utmost to cancel the last order & prevent the diversion of any Cotton from its legitimate application to your favor, and I trust with success -

Forgetfulness in this case is, I can assure you, far from intentional, that the presence of the Cotton was very strong - I was extremely busy & overworked - I thought, or took it for granted, that you had attended to everything having reference to the matter, but failed to recollect the order I had previously given in your favor - I hope you will do me the justice to believe that the error was unintentional, & that I will do all in my power to remedy it.

I think, however, that the Purchaser will not be able to pay the claim over entitled to the Cotton, and you may be perfectly sure nothing in my power will be left undone to secure you from damage by any inadvertence -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
[illegible]
Capt A.C.S.

Letter Book Dept Jr Mexico
Houston Feby 6. 1845—

H. G. Wm King Esq.
Matamoras.

Dear Sir

I enclose you a copy of my order on
you favor Barclay Riggs & Walker, dated
Sept 25th 1844 - to which my attention has
just been called - I had totally forgotten
its existence, and in giving the order of Jany 18th
in favor of E. Bustamente, I exceeded my
powers - I must therefore annul the latter
order, and request you to carry out the
former, and ship Cotton to Mr. Perkins, to be
applied to payment of Bonds R & W -
I am ..... that Mr Bustamente will
consider this a strange proceeding, but I am
bound to do it in justice to the parties in
whose favor the order was first given - and
in justice to myself for I certainly never
would have issued the second order if I had
not entirely forgotten the existence of the first -
Please advise me of your proceedings
under the above directions.

Very respy
Your obt
H. G. Wharton
Agt Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept of State
Charleston, Feby 6. 1865

D. A. Vanderlip Esq
Chesterfield

Sir.

I have your favour of 3d. inst & note contents -

I trust Mr Harris will succeed in finding what was become of the Cotton - I forward his letter and await further reports from him & yourself when the Cotton turned up

On hearing of the arrival of your son Lieut A.B.

I am Sir
Yr. Obt Servt
A. D. Hamlin
A Hamlin —

Post Office receipt of Money Order sent for 6 Bales. Be requested to have Mr. [illegible] the Station Master receipt for correctness.

Please return it when done with it.

Very respy
Yr. Obt Servt
C. D. Wells
Capt C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept Z. Mess.
Houston, July 6. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq 9th
Enclosure.

Sir:

I have your favors of 30th & 2nd Inst Enclosing contracts.

I cannot see Genl Granger & Hancock for Mr Gen. T. Sends you some Rules upon your application called for. I think he should not Cancelate & deliver the two Bales.

My object in asking you to issue your certificates in advance of delivery, was to enable me to furnish permits for those parties who are asked to deliver, & to whom we would furnish Bagging & Rope as soon as it could be got to you. If you are clear of issuing such certificates & with the cotton available to furnish for them I pray will send me your certificates by 10th Inst. for the parties now in need to relieve them of their obligations of cotton.

You may make a further application for Cotton if you can rely upon a delivery of the Cotton.

Please send me Blank Certificates as mentioned in application for the Bales, Hancock & Granger & the Others you obtain for them.

Very respy
Your obt svt
A. E. Wolf
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau of the
Houston July 6. 1882

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Jos McClanahan Esq Agt
Parkers Bluff
Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits of
Isaac Walker

No 2497	favor	P. G. Oldham	for	32 Bales
" 2495	"	W. D Newbill	"	25 "
" 2494	"	W. E Freeman	"	5 "
" 2496	"	W. L. A Stiles	"	40 "
" 2492	"	G. B Howard	"	7 "
" 2491	"	Jesse Oldham	"	25 "
" 2490	"	John G Goode	"	25 "
" 2489	"	J. M Summers	"	27 "
" 2488	"	J. L Summers	"	20 "
" 2487	"	Jas R Green	"	25 "

Please be careful and
order no encumbrances other as permitted after
your date of issuance of cotton

I note you make your
returns of the quantity of cotton turned over to you
by W. E Freeman not. I was there under the impression that
I had sent you the permit in his favor for 61 Bales. On
examination I find I did not. Please have the farmer and shall
be instructed advised by you as regards his failure
of the 61 bales. Law much cotton he has contracted
and the amount delivered. I think he has until
to October 15 your four bales to make his delivery
and the other farmers he has received cancelled, amounting
I think to 61 Bales exemption

Please by return mail
acknowledge receipt of these instructions, and advise
me regarding the delivery of cotton by Mr Freeman
Yours

Your Ob't Serv't
C. B. [illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept of State
Houston, Feby 6. 1865.

R. H. Morris Esq
Cold Spring.

Sir,

I have your favor of 26th last, with enclosures, & have heard from the Hon Secy's action as respected - Say you in his - page 72

I gave Col Green 100 gold Dogs. Value the Rope making (with green deliveries) 172 gds & 69 cts, for which I have no receipt - Please have the enclosed signed, & return it to me -

Very respy
Your obt
G. W. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of State
Houston, Feby 6. 1865

L. L. Harp Esq
Caney - Matagorda Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 30th ult, & note your objection to the Kentucky Rope but you do not say it is good, however as you will see when you get it - there is but little more objectionable is said to it -

Very respy
Your obt
G. W. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Supt 2d Dists
Houston Texas 6. 1865

A. A. Sohn Esq. Pt.
Richmond

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 4th Inst, and as requested enclose certified accounts of

Jh Parkerson	9 B/C	338.98
J. Miller	4 "	216.08
Jas. H. Mitchell	3 "	438.00
H. H. Higgins	25 "	2005.00
A. L. Reed	1 "	200.60
Louisa Hahn	25 "	2125.57

All of which will I trust be found correct.

I feel as Gen. that Judge Gray will reconsider his verdict upon Permits, and restore the Limit notwithstanding - I judge from the testimony which I have will be brought to bear upon him, both from official & private sources. I have always been in favor myself of enforcing a Limit upon this sale, may be. But the 1st May affords no time to calculate to one thing, & we about a limit is an act of severe injustice to those who have made with the Govt through us -

Very truly
Yours
W. E. Hall
Supt

Cotton Bureau Dept La Mais
Hamilton Feby 6. 1865 —

Capt Cain,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. referring to detail of R. H. Cahaniss.

In reply to our application for his detail I received, some days ago, the telegram from Genl Granger, of which I send you a copy. This dispatch has had effect. For the present, at a meeting of the Board. As soon as I receive the order from Genl. Walker I will mail you a copy — Please let me know if the matter is satisfactory —

Very respy
Your obt Svt
Wm. C. Wedd
Capt

Capt P. H. Conant
Commdg A. C. S. Rich Va.
Virginia Point
Texas

Cotton Bureau &c &c
Houston Feby 6. 1864

George A. Blanchegrat
Surgeon

Sir

See Page 154

Please find enclosed certificate for forfeited Stanchfield Cotton. I would have sent it on the 3rd inst. It is to form your certificate that you can more easily estimate the lot of cotton. I would if this is so when you actually receive the cotton return the certificate for correction.

Your ob't servt
[illegible]
Lt. C. Wells
A.A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau &c &c
Houston Feby 6. 1864

Lt. C. Wells A.A.Q.M.
Present

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst and note contents

Please find enclosed [illegible]
certificate for cotton & would forward
[illegible]
Lt. C. Wells
A.A.Q.M.

Galveston Bureau 25
Houston July 6. 1865

Lt Loyd Eds Eng A.G.
Austin

Sir

Please furnish me the following address
Jesse Joseph Gage for 1 $7.01
" Jno Fawcett " 1 $5.00
" L. D Peterson " 1 $6.60
Call on the members of the Legislature who may be furnished with BVR and insist on his sticker delivering the cotton belonging to you the amount of which is due from you.

Very Resp
your obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Lieut & A.D.C.

Galveston Bureau, Dept Texas
Houston, July 7. 1865

H. H. Baker Esq
Chaplain 41st

Sir.

I enclose John D. Gruisett authorized acct. of $255 1/2

Very respy
your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt &c

Custom House Capt. In. Wells.
Houston, Feby 7. 1865

H. D. Cooke Esq Agt.
Hempstead,

Sir -

I am in receipt of your two favors of 4th Inst - The 'St Vincent' permit is framed - Please return No 20 by Jas W. Thompson, as it was sent you in error - It should go to Agt. Dan. Stokes, Brenham -

I return you Mr. S. Atkinsons' letter - I cannot contract to receive any more Cotton as I am unable to secure a permit for them - None have been, nor will be, issued since 1st Inst - The cannot have Bagging & Rope sent for a delivery made long ago -

I have examined the B. Ramos matter & find that I have issued Shipping Post

E. Hawkes	32 Bales		
H. A. Rawlins	6 "	}	all on your certificates
H.G. Montgomery	6 "		
J. E. Wallace	2 "		
H. Pennebaker	6 "		on D. Stokes' certificate

which agrees with this statement -

I have also sent to San Antonio for Permits for E. Hawkes for 8 & 7 Bales (10 in all) - If the claimers there so elect - or did you issue the certificate without this knowledge & upon the belief that he had still to deliver this number to complete his contract of 45 Bales? - Let me know what to do

I must send you the permits for to Bala when received from San Antonio.

The sentiment expressed by Mr Handley in regard to Judge Gray's late circular, is general - It is an act of great injustice to those who have yielded so much toward the support of the Govt, and without whose assistance the army would have been absolutely destitute this winter.

I cannot speak officially, but I know that a strong pressure from the proper quarters will be brought to bear upon Judge Gray, and my conviction is that he will withdraw the limit altogether - The Regulations under which he is operating, themselves say that " all contracts entered into in good faith under former regulations, will be carried out according to the provisions of the same " If words mean anything it is not hard to draw the conclusion that he has exceeded his powers by limiting the use of permits to 1st May -

I have always been in favor of limiting their use, since I knew that a change would be made in the Regulations, but I never contemplated an earlier date than 1st July, which would give all Indians ample time to use them,

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. H. Heileg
Capt 8th Inf

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf Miss
Natchez, Febry 8. 1865 -

Wm Gratiot Esq
Sugar Land, North Bend Co.

Sir

Upon an examination of my papers I find that I have issued duplicate Expenditures and certified accounts to you, for the same lot of 70 Bales of Cotton you delivered - The mistake has arisen through the issuance of receipts by both Capt Reeves & Mr. Jahne for the same lot -

If you have come into possession of both, you have received Expenditures No. 308 - Sept 20th 64 - 70 Bales
" 938 - " 18 " 70 "
& of certified accounts Sept 16 - $ 4211.42 70 Bales
" " $ 4.388.42 70 "

The latter must have been handed you Ede in Error.
Please therefore return me the Expenditure No. 938.
(or the Permit, if one has been obtained upon it)
and the Cert acc dated Sept [redacted] 18th

Your early reply and compliance will much oblige me -

Very respy
Your Obdt svt
G. G. Wolf
Capt A & C

Houston, Feby 7. 1865

Messrs J. C. Baldwin & Co.

Alleyton -

Gents

Ship to Henry Sampson, Treasury
Agent, at Houston,
300 lbs Rope -
300 " Indian Bagging - 2 Bales.
out of John Lot now stored with you by us.

Very respectfully,
Yr obt svts

[signature]

Custom House, Dept of Texas
Houston. Feby 8. 1865 -

Henry Sampson Esq. Agt T. D. C.
Houston -

Sir.

Above I hand you an order for Rope & Bagging to complete the lot received for Rope. Houston, by you - By sending it to Alleyton you will receive the Bagg & Rope without any further trouble or delay

Very respy
Yr obt svt
[illegible]
Agt T. D. C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, Feby 8. 1866—

Lieut.

I have the honor to request the
detail of
Private John F. Perry, of Grimes County—
for service in this Bureau as teamster—
He elects Capt. Upchurches' Company of Reserves,
Grimes County—
I enclose copy of his certificate of disability,
containing his description list—
Please order him to report to me for
duty—

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. E. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

To
Lieut E. B. Hunter
Asst. Commissary State of Texas
Rusk, Texas—

through
Capt P. D. Borgia,
Recruiting Officer Harris Co.

Respectfully—
Army of Texas
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Central Bureau, Dept of Miss
Nashville, Feby 9. 1865

Lt. Col. H. A. Bromwell
Newport,

Engineer Jones returned - Please have order for transfer sent by mail.

C. G. Hall
Capt & A.G.

Central Bureau, Dept of Miss
Nashville, Feby 10. 1865 -

A. W. Faison Esq Capt
La Grange,

Sir,

A. Hurlbut writes me for certificate for person E. H. White. On looking at your certificate of 20 Aug 24 Oct. 22 Dales E. H. White, I find you say nothing about Bagging & Rope - Did you furnish any - must & pay close at double rates?

Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. G. Hall
Capt & A.G.

Castor Beacon, Sept. 2. 1865
Hamilton, Bermuda 9. 1865

Jno. Stones Esq. A/L
Brenham.

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 4th Inst. & note contents. As requested I now enclose certified accounts

✓	R. L. Constantine	16 B/C	1996.46
✓	A. F. Chadwick	25 "	893.95

If the Governor is dissatisfied please return it with Statement of Bagging & Rope delivered. I make it up at double rates as you say nothing about Bagg & Rope.

Mr J.C. Bowles has arranged nothing with me, if he has he told me he thought he would not deliver the Arms surrendered Rebels. Please hold on to the Vessels, and return them to me when you are convinced that he will not deliver.

My opinion is that Judge Gray will not adhere to this last circular. The limit of 14th May is too short, & the people should express their sentiment in Public meetings.

Their greatest wrong is the embargo now laid.

Very respy
Your ob't Svt
Jno. C. Watts
Capt R.E.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Texas 5. 1865

Colonel,

I have the honor to request the detail of Private John F. Perry of Grimes County, for service in this Bureau as Teamster.

He selects Capt. Upchurches' Company of Reserves, Grimes County.

I enclose copy of his certificate of disability containing his Descriptive list.

This detail is necessary to enable me to move the Government Cotton now lying in Grimes County. - His services in this capacity are absolutely necessary for the good of the service, and [illegible] cannot be otherwise performed.

Please order him to report to me for duty.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. W. Wells
Capt & Agt

To
Col. R. B. Hunter
Chf. Con. Bur. State of Texas
Hunts, Texas.

Through
Capt P. L. Borgia
Enrolling Officer, Harris Co.

See folio 298.
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Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Hamilton, Febr 9. 1865

John Adriance Esq Qr
Columbia,

Sir.

I ship you today for Jap R.R.
(18 Pkgs) 44 Bales Manila Rope for Jno. N.
Gibbons, Caney - Marked "Jno. Matthews" -
weight - 3611 lbs -

Please add 9 Bales of India Bagging
& this last shipment the whole to
Jno Gibbons -

Please advise me when you
make the shipment -

Very resp
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & CC

Cotton Bureau Dept in Miss
Hamilton, Febry 10. 1865

Major,

Inclose Invoices & Receipts of small
lot of Stationery, asked for by Mrs Pinson -
Please sign & return Receipts to me.

Very resp
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & CC

Major A. D. Babcock Jr.
Columbus, Miss.

Custom House Bell & Morris
Houston, February 1865

Wm. M. Morris Esq
Houston

Sir

We agreed to manufacture any number of
pieces of

Wm Addison	Bell	26	1000.00
Henry Hunt	"	8	200.00
Jas. A Mansfield	"	4	100.00
Wm Bennett	"	2	50.00
G. Dickinson	"	1	25.00
Henry Bridges	"	2	50.00
M. M Smith	Bell	10	452.90
Henry Hunt & Bros	Clock	12	300.00
A. J Maynard	"	2	100.00

Which completes the list of contracts engaged by me, I believe.
We have on the above factors are signed by the parties I can say true —

Respectfully
Yours
Chas Bell
Engr &c

Capt. Brown, Dept. In Mich.
Nashville, Tenn. 1865

Majr. M. S. Carlisle Genl.
Cahaba.

Major.

I am in receipt of your favour of 2nd
last & make contents.

I regret my inability to give the requisition for
funds, as I am not supplied myself, but I have
forwarded the estimate to Col. Rawsome, and he
will send them funds sent you if it is possible to obtain
them. Unfortunately the Banking on this side is all
empty, that is from the dollars of our certificates
will have to wait indefinitely. In the meantime
you can use your personal influence with
the Planters.

Those Blank receipts are not enclosed in your letter
as stated.

When you find any difficulty attending your transactions
with the citizens (under flag) to obtain receipts for
your flour it is right that Col. Rawsome & the
Genl. merely it. Apply to him also for orders
in relation to your future movements. He will
give you all the law you may need & show up
your business.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
C. C. Hall
Capt. A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Mississ
Houston, Feby 10. 1865

H. H. Perkins Esq
Special Agt. Treasy Dept.
Matamoras.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th Inst & make contents. I now enclose my receipt in your favor for $36.69 4/100 - Please duplicate & file B. A. Shepherd, for safe keeping, as requested -

Very respy
Your ob. Svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Ag

Cotton Bureau Dept In Mississ
Houston, Feby 10. 1865

B. A. Shepherd Esq
Houston,

Sir,

By request of Mr. H. H. Perkins I hand you enclosed my Official Receipt. in his favor for $36.69 4/100, which he desires you to hold, for safe keeping, subject to his order or call —

Very respectfully
Your ob. svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Ag

Cotton Bureau, Dept La Miss
Houston, Feby 10. 1865.

Col. Cobb.

I enclose Major Cabell's estimate for funds, which please comply with if possible. I dislike to annoy you so much with applications for money, but the truth is that we will get into difficulties if we are not able to pay some - I will require $1.000.000 at least - It will all be absorbed in Jayes as soon as we pay it out - Major Cabell desires orders enabling him to take sufficient time to close up - I suppose some order against absence of a leave for sixty days, or an assurance that he will not be placed on active duty until he has wound up his late business is necessary -

What effort has been made at Mobile to counteract the effect of Judge Gray's last circular - A strong document will go from Houston - and the Country people will hold county meetings & denounce it as an act of bad faith - The limit is the short - 1st July will do.

I refer to your telegram about funds for Mission Bell (old hat) yesterday - For my State protection please have an order sent by mail - I am ready to pay over when called on -

Capt. Smoker has visited Texas two or three times to see - Must I give it up & suspend

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wolfley
Capt & C

Maj Col. K. M. Broadnax,
Shreveport, La.

Custom House Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Feby 10 1865

John C. West Esq
U. S. Dist. Atty. Harts Mississippi Expl.
Austin.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose affidavits (Copies) of S. S. Nolan & Gabriel Gammach of Navarro County, relative to the theft of 12 Bales Government Cotton by ladies, about 29th Sept Last -

The names of the parties are given in the affidavits. - S. W. Livingood of Walkerville Navarro County, is cognizant of the facts in the ... and will probably be able to give further information -

Please take such action in the premises as you deem necessary - The Govt. should not be forced to sustain the loss without an effort to furnish the parties committing the theft -

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & Agt

See #204
Feb 1865

Cotton Bagging Depot. Jr. Hicks
Hamston, Jersey co. 1865.

Robert Haselton Esqr
Alleyton.

Sir,

I received your favour of 8th inst, with Cotton Statements, for January.

The Cotton & Bagging & Rope Abstracts of which I sent you forms Jany 31, are to be filled up by you. The reference to you applies only to the unpaid balance of Depot Charges, if any remains unpaid & due you. There is no allowance for wasting. The work is included in the Depot charges, as in act to Counties that sent Bond & Colorado, the Commissioner "engineer" is intended in the same person.

I called on Capt Borgoja about Mr. Walton. He tells me he has not seen any order after Walton. Walton is on my list, and my agreement with Capt Greene, Inspector of Conscript service, is that all my details are to remain unmolested until they can be re-detailed.

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Jno D. Hicks
Capt & C.S.

I think there would be no danger or impropriety in your coming to Hamilton.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Z. Miss.
Houston, Febry 10. 1865—

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio,

Major,

I am in receipt of your favors of dates, viz:
Janry 20th 65. Enclosing 25 Permits.
Febry 1st, " 22 " } All correct
Janry 21. " 34 " } as Stated—
Febry 3. " 126 "
" 4. " 4 "
" " " 26— "
" " " 5— "
" " " 4 "

I am glad to know that Lt. Bonell's Expenditure has been passed — He did not advise me of it —

Where I am in any expenditure for permits to be furnished for A Kirkman I suppose Col. Smith's order would be sufficient warrant to you — I have undertaken to pay the Cotton for Col. Stockton, but may be some time doing so — If you require it I will issue my receipts in advance of delivery, but I would much prefer that you will not require me to do so — Your must be held harmless, however, — Col. Stockton seemed to the Permits would not be surrendered to Kirkman until the Cotton was paid to him —

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c

Custom House Office Port of Mobile
Mobile, May 31st 1865

Collector's Office
Mobile.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I have been detained in this city awaiting for arrival of permits from Said Customs. — I have enclosed Certificate accounts,

R. F. Montgomery	6 Bbls	Forfeit	10
A. C. Hall	15 "	Gauged	
H. C. Frank	24 "		205 65

Also the following Permits:

Ludwig Erich	1900	10 Bbls.	Forfeit	
do	1912	10 "	"	
A. H. Clendenin	1917	6 "	"	1836
do	1918	6 "	"	1836
John Kinsler	1919	6 "	"	1836
do	1920	6 "	"	1836

Freight Accounts

1908	R. F. Montgomery	6	"	1940
1910	A. C. Hall	15	"	1929
1911	H. C. Frank	20	"	16 700
1915	do	16	"	2000
1916	A. Clendenin	15	"	1935
1917	H. H. Smith	5	"	1650
1918	A. L. Fowlkes	5	"	1950
1921	H. Hall & Co	10	"	1500
1922	R. F. Montgomery	10	"	1500
1923	J. H. Kittle	16	"	1500
1924	Sophia Humphreys	5	"	1819

Do not claim until you receive Permit from Collector — Do not make up Accounts for Cash — for more than 10 Bbls — Accounts — to accompany Application — Invoices —

Respectfully your obt Servt
C. C. Hall
Capt A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Ft Mis
Hamilton Oct 11. 1865

William Dunlap Esq
Williams.

Sir.

As requested by Agt. R. C. Stone, I now enclose Butler's account in your favor, for 5 Bl Cotton $1875 - and Major Willis' account, $1500 in your favor for 6 B/C. 2264 lbs, being receipts on account of

G. L. Hollis
Capt. A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Ft Mis
Hamilton, Feby 11. 1865

John Matthews Esq
Caney, Matagorda Co.

Sir.

Your favors of 19th & 25th ult. Reach, have been held in abeyance awaiting for the arrival of the permits from San Antonio - I now enclose Ord 4/06 - R. A. Haney - 6 B/C. $329.60
J. B. Hawkins do. 2.400.
& Maj Willis' permits for same:
" 2937. R. A. Haney. 6 B/C - 2.400 lbs
" 2906 J. B. Hawkins do. 2645.
being receipts on account

G. L. Hollis
Capt A.C.

Galveston Texas
Houston Feby 11, 1865

W. Johns Esq agt
Richmond

Sir

Please find enclosed the following Vouchers.

No	2726	from	G. H. Schley	for	10 Bbls Flour
"	2736	"	G. L. Hamilton	"	14 "
"	2734	"	J. Tuelin	"	5 — "
"	2733	"	Jos. Pollard	"	20 "
"	2731	"	"	"	20 "
"	2730	"	J. L. Pond	"	10 "
"	2729	"	"	"	20 "
"	2728	"	"	"	10 "
"	2724	"	W. H. Higgins	"	25 — "
"	2722	"	Lewis Thomas	"	9/16 "
"	2721	"	"	"	16 "
"	2720	"	Jno. W. Mitchell	"	14 "
"	2719	"	"	"	16 "
"	2713	"	G. W. Bolton	"	10 "

Please be careful and deliver no flour to Vessels after the Vessel has been regularly and reasonably turned over

5 Days

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
Col Wells
Asst Q M

Cotton Bureau A.T.W.
Houston Feby 11. 1865.

Lt. H. Browning Esq
Chatfield Hill

Sir

Please find enclosed Major Willis permit No 2364 issued to J. N. Thompson for 11 Bales Cotton

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau A.T.W.
Houston Feby 11. 1865—

D. C. Beer Esq A.A.G.
Millican

Sir

Please find enclosed the following permits

2482	from	Maj. Willis	for	28	Bales Cotton
2481	"	A. G. Fuller	"	6	"
2480	"	E. C. Hodges	"	20	"
2479	"	H. Chaffin	"	2	"
2478	"	L. L. Fairchild	"	21	"

Please be careful and examine the cotton closely & permit noted after the cotton actually delivered to you

Very Respy
your Obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ga. Miss.
Houston, Feby 11. 1865

H. S. Cooke Esq Jr.
Hempstead,

Sir -

I endose My Hollis permit,
No. 2507 - favor B. K. Peel & John Carmer - 45 Bales Cotton
40,000 pounds -

Before delivering this to them please satisfy yourself
from upon its correctness. I do not yet understand
whether the parties deliver 30 or 45 Bales - I send
that permits have already been forwarded to
Mr. Peel, as follows:

John Carmer	5 Bales
B. K. Peel	10 "
B.K. Peel & John Carmer	15 " 30 Bales

the one now enclosed will only be due to the
parties provided they have delivered 45 Bales - i.e.
Jno Carmer & B.K. Peel or - individually
Peel & Carmer - 30 Bales in partnership -

If they are not entitled to the permit please
return it to me -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
Wm G. Hollis
Capt A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, February 11. 1865—

Capt. L. R. Evans,
Comdg Texas Arsenal,
San Antonio.

Capt.

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst with enclosures. The vouchers as made out will not constitute good vouchers to me, & I take the liberty of sending enclosed new vouchers which you will please have completed by signatures. Col. Stockton name should be written by himself, and the papers should be in duplicate. I have placed Capt. Sams' certificate above the receipt. If convenient please return me the papers with all the necessary ... Mr. Urbahns' account will not be asked for until the payment is made.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Gill
Capt & C.

Enclosures -

22 -	Receipt.	A. Urbahns -	services -	$1.930.11
12	Roll,	do	Pancrida	3.622.60
9	Tariff,	do	do	11.302.05
9	Pay Roll,	do	do	4.418.11
				$20.852.88

Cotton Bureau Dept In Mexico
Houston. Feby 10. 1866

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio.

Major-

I returne your permit #2905. B. W. Kendrick - 6 B/C, dated 8/66 - & request that you will cancel & returne to me my Exemption No. 1457 - My Exemption No. 1457 - for R. A. Massey, 6 B/C, upon which you issued permit No. 2933. is for the same lot of Cotton - the error arises from a blunder of the local Agent of which I am only just now advised -

I enclose also duplicate Abstracts (4to) of Permits used by me here - viz 0 0 4 - also the margined of same, as instructed - I send you also my cancelled Exemptions - on which the Permits are based, viz:

No. 1454 -	Bales 30 Net,	James D. Wade -	10 Bales -	$1.500 Cts
" 1464	"	C. C. Kimel	7 "	3.150 "
" 1485	"	D. E. Sanguinet	16 "	7.960 "
" 1486	"	Martin G. Hagee	2 "	920 "
" 1488	"	A. A. Sabin	30 "	14.700 "

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wall
Cotton Inspector.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Febry 11. 1865 –

H. B. Bailey Esq &c
Huntsville

Sir,

The only Smith & Walker Bales I have received has been the 20 Bales you forwarded through Q.M. Vedder some time since – The 6 Bales which Lt. Rawlings shipped to H. & Thomas & Co, will not come to me before in part of the lot –

In order to close up this old matter I would be glad to have you furnish the Buggies & Rafel necessary and have the Cotton sent in shipping order as early as possible – Make the best arrangement you can in regard to cost, & draw on me as usual –

I have still to receive 22 Bales from there,

Respectfully
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Kept In Hale
Houston, Feby 11. 1865

F. L. Cooke Esq Jr
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 10th last inst contents
the missing Permits were mailed to you as follows -
W. C. Austin 2 B/C - on 9th Feby Inst.
W. H. Browning 3 " " 2d "
Please look at my letters of those dates. Also if
they were not enclosed -

If the Country people will express their dissatisfaction
at the Cotton taken by the Treasury Agents I feel sure
that he will at once remove the limit - They can
help themselves one way by an open & free expression
of their feeling on the subject

I now enclose Permits
No. 2925 - F. L. Cooke 2 Bales more or less
" 2656 H. H. Adams 5 " 2268 "
which, I believe, completes your list -

When you want the outstanding accounts please
write for them stating particulars of number &
description, Bags & Rope &c,

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. C. Hall
Agt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept. Jr. Mex
Houston, May 11, 1865.

Lt. Col. Steele Asst Adjt.
Genl.
Galveston,

Sir.

I enclose Maj: Wallis' permits, viz:

No 2606,	K. B. Benfield	5 Bales.	2500 lbs
" 2637	J. V. Walker	30 "	15.000 "
" 2642	E. Moseley	12 "	6.000 "

being necessary, you will cause out
Lt. Col. Wallis
Asst Adjt Genl.

And to the guard ups until
you receive the Cotton -

Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Mex
Houston May 11. 1865

N. A. Dalton Esq Asst Adjt
Richmond

Sir -

I enclose Major Wallis' permits, viz:

No. 2958	R. A. Torrance.	6 Bales -	2400 lbs
" 2959	L & J. Simonton	50 "	24.000 "
" 2940	J. Adams	15 "	7.200 "

Being necessary
you will cause
Lt. Col. Wallis
Asst Adjt Genl.

Custom House, Kept In Mine
Hamilton, Oday 16 1865

J. Burdett Esq Jr
Hamilton Butler Co.

Sir,

Inclosed Herewith Please find Permits for
the following Goods Entered at this Office
by Messrs Thos C. Hamilton

No. 2902	Thos C. Hamilton	10 Pkg —	3.500 lbs
" 2903	H. H. Kemp	6 "	2.950 "
" 2904	J. Burdett	6 "	2.750 "
" 2905	"	8 "	2449 "
" 2906	"	6 "	2.449 "

Duty ready to be paid on
the Above mentioned Goods.

Thos C. Hamilton
Collector

Custom House, Kept In Mine
Hamilton, Oday 16 1865

A. H. Foster Esq Jr
La Grange

Sir,

Inclosed Herewith Please find Permits for
the following Goods Entered at this Office
by Messrs James H. Gay & Co.

No. 2907.	James H. Gay & Co.	20 Pkgs.	10.000 lbs
" 2908	A. Jackson	5 "	2500 "

Duty ready to be paid on
the Above mentioned Goods.

Thos C. Hamilton
Collector

Customs Bureau Revenue Inspectors
Hawaiian Islands Nov 11. 1865

E. G. Stone & Co
Honolulu

Sirs.

I enclose Main Sales permits, viz:

No 2663	E.G. Stone	8 M/C	0687 Cts
" 2665	do	8 "	0687 "

Being in settlement of your service account.

No 2695	E.G. Stone	25 M/C	12.500 Cts
" 2696	do	25	12.500 "
" 2697	do	25	12.500 "

obtained at your request in advance of the delivery to Govt of 75 Bales of Government Cotton — I need not mention now to make no note of these until the delivery is made — the [illegible] to all returns and the shipments to be accounted —

I trust you will see that Judge Gray will be appointed Tide Surveyor — the duties of which he has performed upon the use of permits is an act of great injustice to those who have [illegible] our measures & the help of the Govt —

Being respy
Yr obdt servt
E. G. Hall
Collr &c

Custom House Capt's Office,
Houston Feby 28th 1846

W. H. White Esq Jr
Auditor.

Sir

I enclose Sign Willis' Quarterly Acc't:

No.	Names	Days	Amount
1	R A Brown	4.	$40.
2	Jno. H. Brown	6.	$60.
3	R. S. Thomas	20.	$200.
4	A P. Stevens	30.	$300.
5	W. H. White	6.	$60.
6	do	7.	$70.

of all the Commandants of the Station
during the Quarter as ordered by
you.

Resp'y
Your ob't Serv't
G. W. Hockley
Comp'r

Cotton Bureau Office for Alexa
Alexandria. July 16 1865—

A. A. Black Esq: Jr.
Centreville

Sir. I have your favour of 30th last & make contract. It is now too late to provide an organization for R. F. Ballenbaugh for the remaining 8 Bales Cotton.

Also Mr Jesse Babb & say to him I will pay him, here as soon as he shows me your certificate that he has delivered the 8 Bales Cotton to you. He can only upon being paid at once.

I now enclose Major Hollis' Journals, viz.

No 2099.	C. R. Coates	1 Bale.	450 lbs
" 2090	Owen McKamil	5.	1771.
" 2056	W. B. Hamlin	50.	16.914.
" 2058	Richard Craig	50.	16.968.
" 2054	R. F. Ballenbaugh	30.	10.413.

None of which can be surrendered to the parties until the Cotton is actually obtained by you — Write me when you want the Certificates.

Very truly
Your obt Servt
G. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.M.

Custom Bureau, Capt Z. Mills
Houston, Feby 11. 1865 —

Genl. Gray D. H. Vinney
Austin.

Sir —

Inclosed Major Wells' permits, viz:

No. 2607 — John Daniels — 9 B/C — 3784 Cts —
" 2676 — 25 B/C — 12000 Cts
" 2675 — 25 " — 12.000 " } 2 Sch. 108 B/C } Provided at your
" 2674 — 25 " — 12.000 " } request to pay
" 2680 — 28 " — 15.920 " } for Bagging
" 2690 — 25 " — 12.000 " } 1 Sch. 50 " } & Rope —
" 2691 — 25 " — 12000 " }

Some of which are to be used until necessary Wrapper — Also are furnished me until the Wrapper machines where the shipment is made —

Also —

No. 2685 — 50 B/C. — 25.000 Cts
" 2686 — 50 " — 25.000 "
" 2687 — 50 " — 25.000 " } 213 B/C. L. S. McKinney
" 2703 — 11 " — 6.550 "
" 2708 — 50 " — 25.000 "

Please ship Shipment of goods Direct account under this contract —

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf
Houston, Febry 13. 1865

J. J. Cooke Esq Q.M.
Hempstead,

Sir -

I have your two favors of 10th inst & make corrections - I am sorry you could not make the Bagging & Rope report, as I desire to have it in a condensed form & comprehensive of my own papers - I supposed you had retained data sufficient to make up reports from - The receipts sent by you are distributed at their dates through my papers, and as the agents name does not appear on them it is hardly possible to get them together again -

I find that Atkinson was charged with Bagg & Rope, & allowed only the single price - Please therefore deliver him 55 yds Bagging & 60 lbs Rope, and take his receipt -

I make your enquiries explanations about Landes - I applied for permits for 7 and 2 Bales at the request of some one - Not you however, - Please ascertain from him if he did not ask me 5 miles - Also whether he desires still to deliver 10 Bales I will hold the permits until I hear again from you -

Very respy
your obt
Gr. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Miss
Memphis, Tenn 18. 1865

J. B. Bailey Esq Qr
Huntsville

Sir

I have your favor of 8th inst & note that the charge Cap Bags & Rope to J. A. Thomason is covered — I therefore enclose Certificate, viz. 20 B C - 200 lbs - & Major Hillis' permits viz:

# 2482	J. A. Thomason	9 B/C	4502 lbs
2483	do	9 "	4502 "
2484	G. H. Baker	2 "	1007 "

I am of the opinion that Judge Gray will remove the limit he has so unjustly placed upon the use of Ferrocrete — It would aid in procuring such a result, if the country people themselves would make a free expression of their sentiments, in Public meeting — The Judge can be easily convinced if the people will speak for themselves and prove to him that unjustly his action affects their interests — In any thinking mans it is evident that the refusal to permit to move a crop, or take this precaute — under - alternative will entail a personal loss - the first amount a natural disaster.

Very respy
Your obt Servt
C. C. Abell
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, July 19. 1865

A. B. Bailey Esq Qt-
Huntsville

Sir,

I have your favors of 3rd & 14th inst & note contents -

I now hand you Certificate accot of sale of Rebel Shipping &c - $198.66 -

The Reports in favor of 3rd are nicely gotten up. - Thank you for them

I enclose memo of Bagging & Rope shipments made to you since I have had charge here -

None of 3rd but nothing for details of Shipping, Collection & Returns, is at hand - I now hand you my application for the same - This papers must be approved by Post Commander, Maj or Commdg officer of the Returns at Huntsville, if there is a Regimental organization - If this formula is gone through Genl Robertson will grant the details, but not otherwise - Please see that all the forms are complied with - The Capt & Qr Mr will make no objection & the details, probably,

Very truly
Your obt svt
G. E. Weed
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ft. Miss.
Houston, Feby 13. 1865 -

General,

I have the honor to request the detail

of Lieut Leightleys
John M. Hilliard
A. Thomson

} of Capt. Appleintales' Company of Recruits - now at Huntsville -

The services of these men are necessary for the public service, and are required to remove the Government Cotton in Walker County - The duty cannot be performed without their assistance -

Please order them to report to F. B. Bailey Agt at Huntsville for duty, and furnish me with copy of the order -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
E. W. Hall
Cotton Agent

To
Brig Genl Robertson
Comm'g Recruits, State of Texas,
Brenham -

Forwarded through
Capt Appleintales -

Cotton Bureau Capt. Jr. Mess.
Houston, Texas 18. 1865

J. B. Robinson Esq Qr.
Richmond,

Sir,

I have your favor of 7th inst with Bagging & Rope requests—
As requested I now enclose Major Hillier's Genouits, viz:

No 2886	J.B. Robinson	10 Rolls.	5000 lbs
" 2887	do	12 "	6000 "
" 2888	do	13 "	6.500 "

I enclose also the last voucher which you will please sign & return to me—

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Mess
Houston, Texas 18. 1865—

Jno Stones Esq Qr—
Brenham,

Sir,

I enclose anticipated requisition of Major H. Thompson, 12th C— for 3 Qrs— also Major Hillier's for same, No 2867— Dated 16.10— 12th C— 6325 lbs,

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Qr

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss
Houston, Febry 18. 1865.

Captain,

I have the honor to request the detail of Lord Cockrill, age 24 years, 5 feet 7 ½ in high - fair complexion, Auburn hair, grey eyes - for service in this Bureau in the transportation of Government Cotton -

Please order him & report to Isaac Hollister, Agent at Alleyton for duty -

Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
G. G. Hollis
Capt A.C.S.

Capt S. A. McClellan
A.A.G. Dept Texas
Galveston Texas

Cotton Bureau, Dept La Miss
Houston Febry 18. 1865.

Captain,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 9th inst, & now include my application for detail of Bluford Cockrill - I am of the opinion, however, that the Surgeons' Certificate will have to accompany the application -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Hollis
Capt A.C.S.

Capt S. A. McClellan
A.A.A.G. District Texas,
Galveston.

Boston Bureau of
Customs July 13, 1

O. A. Peirce Esq agt
Salt Springs

Sir

Please find enclosed permit No 1974 for
Salt Smith for 8 Blls. Please be careful
and deliver no permit until the cotton has
been actually turned over to you

Very Resp
Your Ob Svt
G. G. Hills
Capt Asst

Boston Bureau of Cus
Customs July 13, 1

E. J. Cook Esq agt
Tompkins

Sir

Please find endorsed permit No 2264
from J. O Gridley for 10 Blls. Please be
careful and deliver no permit until after
you have received the cotton

Very Resp
Your Ob Svt
G G Hills
Asst Surv

Cotton Bureau of the
Navy Dept Feby 13. 1865

Capt A.A. Wells
San Antonio

Sir

I have received your despatch of the 9th inst
and in reply to your request for a Battalion to keep
prisoners at Point Isabel, I have ordered the
Battalion of Infantry at Brazos Santiago to
proceed immediately to Point Isabel. The Battalion
of U.S. Sharpshooters will be detailed to keep Battalion
I have the honor to remain
Your obedient servant
[illegible]

Capt A.A. Wells
San Antonio

Sir

I have received your despatch of the 9th inst
and in reply to your request for a Battalion to keep
prisoners at Point Isabel, I have ordered the
Battalion of Infantry at Brazos Santiago to
proceed immediately to Point Isabel. The Battalion
of U.S. Sharpshooters will be detailed to keep Battalion
I have the honor to remain
Your obedient servant
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau of the
Navy Dept Feby 13. 1865

Lt. H. Waller Esq
Brazos Santiago

Sir

You will issue a Special Permit to Capt
Louis L. St Gerard for 9 Passengers

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
E. G. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Cotton Bureau &c
Houston July 13. 1865 —

Gen Sedgwick engaged
Col Chamberlain
Lt

Please find enclosed the following Receipts
for Cotton from Lt Col Hall

No 914	Bales	Lt & Collon	Bales	10 Bales Cotton
" 915	"	"	"	10 "
" 910	"	"	"	6 "
" 911	"	Lt. J. J. Hay	"	10 "
" 912	"	Lt. Lt. Hall	"	4 "
" 919	"		"	2 "
" 920	"	Jos Campbell	"	7 "
" 921	"	J. Dubery	"	10 "

I presume most of these
Receipts are obtained in advance of the delivery
of the cotton, and I send them to you so that you
can have no trouble to the parties obtaining
their drafts, but be careful and under no circum-
stances deliver or permit until after you have
satisfied yourself as to the good faith of the
parties receiving them

Very Truly
Your Obt
L. G. Wells
Lieut Col & AQM

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feby 1st 1866

S. S. Vedder Esq Cpt.
Navasota,

Sir.

I have your favor of 11th inst with enclosures I paid that Geo. Stoneum he is entitled to a certificate for 10 Bales, Sept 8. which I now enclose. The Bagg & Rope is deducted - Count of 116th remitted -
Mr Bailey had already advised me of the Liberality of Cotton.

Very respy
Your obt
E. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Feby 14. 1866

H. H. Browning Esq
Chappell Hill.

Sir.

I have your favor of 12th inst. in case you applying for a permit for 11 Bales - I find that it was made out in name of A. W. Thompson - & the permit No. 3364 - 11 B/C - Will be forwarded to you on 14th Inst.
Your letter of Jany 19th directed mistakenly the permit made in Thompsons' name.

Very respy
Your obt
E. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Navy
Houston, Tex Aug 14. 1865

Colonel -

I am in receipt of your favors of 29th & 2d. Inst. Your final approval of the sale of Pinckneys to King & Co. relieves me much - Permits are almost valueless now, and the sale could not be repeated under any circumstances - I hope they will lose nothing by the transaction, that the prospect is not favorable for any profit to accrue arising from it -

Mr Tinney procured about 1300 Bales after good deal of trouble - He has not yet got it all in hand but he has operated to Rockwalls satisfaction, and expects to be able to relieve the whole - I have no late advices from Mr Tinney but as Rockwall travels in company I judge that they are making good progress or I would hear complaints -

I have already paid $3000 for Machinery for the Sabine Boats - & $4.000 for Iron for them - have also furnished material for caulking them - I can make the further payment of $4.000 as your request - Mr Perkins has just sent $10.000 in to Col Ketchum, which he has turned over to me & I have settled paid all of his pressing debts at Alleyton - With my present assets I am confident of being able to work through -

Thank you for the Cabanas detail -

I read your letter to Capt. Black with peculiar interest. I feel thoroughly done that we have nothing to gain from the Treasury Dept. We are evidently a dead horse and must be got out of the way. The plea of a suffering army & empty storehouses is brought forward as a reason why the Cotton which has been furnished to pay debts should be diverted to new purchases. I begin to realize that a nation's honor is not followed as that of an individual. Our mission seems to be to get all we can by specious promises, and pay for nothing - I cannot believe that Genl. Grant subscribes to this doctrine - but it will have that appearance if he compels us to turn over to the Treasury the Cotton we receive -

The General is deeply compromised with our creditors. His ability to provide payment has never been questioned. If the reliance of the creditors should not result in disappointment to them - Some present indications it is probable that pecuniary orders from here, made at the suggestion of the Treasury Dept, will force me to give the Sampson all my available Cotton. Hence if our credit is valued by their payment the order should not be made - I know you have the interest of the Bureau at heart, & are satisfied he will not make an order that will take away our Cotton. Say if he can avoid it, but I fear the pressure will be too strong to resist.

If Judge Gray does right he will organize a corps of Agents & acquire Cotton as we did - I know

do with fund it can up his resources, but he must try it
his justice to no the Engagements made by the Govt
though the Person he should not call on you
for Troops until his own efforts fail to procure
any.

The Name & Character Cotton will be asked for by the
Surgeon. I will consult officials orders before giving
it to him. If I must do so, please order me by
Telegraph.

What will Genl Smith say or do about Judge Boyd's
Court on the case of Yeomists? The Planters (now
our friends) are much outraged & will express their
sentiments publicly. I recommend this mode as
the only one calculated to produce a change of the
Judge's feeling. The General, himself should
move in the matter, as well to prove to the people
that his order was meant what it said, even if the
Treasury Circular of June 4th did not. The
Judge say that the Govt cannot get any more Cotton unless
this order is rescinded. and so we can throw them
for the administration.

I write you thus freely, Col, and if I am in-
discreet sometimes I look to you not to make any
use of my letters. You may what I say as more
for public reasons, if the views are worth using.

Very respy
Your obt svt
M. E. Hooly
Capt & C.S.

Lt. Col. N. H. Brodnax
Shreveport, La.

Houston. July 14. 1865—

Dear Lieutenant —

I have no report to make since your Baggage got — Major Bunk has requested me repeatedly that he would have it attended to, but as for nothing has been done — I keep it in sight see the State, however, I do not let him meet about it —

The officers are busy in the Bureau often ask me what duty they will be placed on when relieved from this — I do not suppose there is any official permission for the case, or any necessity for it, but if you have any thing in view relative to them please let me know so that I can answer their questions — Major Bayles & Colonel Dean & the gentlemanly Adams & know what is to be done with them —

I will have a steamer time evening after tea, but am hopeful of a good showing —

Very truly yours

G. E. Hall

Lieut Woodward
Shreveport —

J. L. Peddle Esq agt
for J. Mitchell Esq
Jamaica

Custom House Kingston Jam
Feby 14. 1865

Sir
I have received and laid before the Hon.
the Inclosed Letter and Papers
addressed

Very Resp.
Your Obt
Servt
E. G. Hall
Coll. Cus

Custom House, Kingston, Jamaica
Novr 20th 1865

John Shatteen Esq
Sugar Planter

Sir,

I have your favor of 12th Inst, covering the Assessment given you in error, for which please accept my thanks.

I signed also two certified accounts
One in Sept dated Sept 20th for £4.2.11 ½
One in Nov. " " 25. 4.2.11 ½
both of which were for the same Lot of 30
Bales Cotton. If you came into
possession of Lot you have returned are
the Lot? dates were in duplicate.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
E. G. Hall
Coll. &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. In. Mobs.
Harrow, Febry 14. 1865

W. S. Wagon Esq
Cold Spring.

Sir.

I have ours favor of 9th Inst & note contents - I send to Mr Liberty for one Coil Manilla Rope 938 lbs which will be enough for 6 Bales - As you do not ask for any Bagging I suppose you know that Mr Davies will supply you.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Q

P.S.

It is very hard for me, or any person to give you any advice about the disposition of your Cotton - The late interference of Judge Long under the Governor, by limiting their use to May 1st, has reduced their value - I think he will reconsider this action, however, & that they will be good again - Owing to your distance from the market, I think your proper plan would be to send them to Houston or San Antonio to some one who would look out for your interests & do the best he could for you - You would then have an opportunity to take advantage of any change in the plan of the Treasury Agency - & if the time was extended reap the benefit of this increased value - or if the time was not extended sell them

& save a loss — If, however, you want to export your own Cotton, I would advise you to hold them, and start your teams at once —

I understand your Cotton (unexcept [illegible] is worth 10¢ at home — If so, I would say sell, for it is not worth over 7 to 7½ here —

If I was sure that Galveston would remain as it is, I would recommend you to hold your Cotton three months — It is now the only port in the Confederacy open to Blockade runners and consequently all the ships which are now shut out of other ports will crowd into Galveston — The demand for Cotton would soon make it worth 25¢ here — But a great many sensible people look for an attack upon Galveston before long. The mere fact that the Blockade is so successfully evaded there is one good reason why the Federals will try to seize the port — If they do get possession of it the only outlet for Cotton will be overland, & prices will necessarily keep about [illegible] figured as favorably as before —

In the absence of more reliable information the above is the best I can give — I wish I could tell you something more satisfactory, but in the state of affairs now everything is mere conjecture,

Yours truly
C. G. Hall

My H. S. Hayes —

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Te. Miss.
Houston, Feby 15. 1865

H. B. Bailey Esq Agt
Huntsville

Sir,

Deliver to Dale, Hutchins & Co. three hundred Bales Cotton in Walker County - Give them lots as near together as possible. Take duplicate receipts stating Bales, Brands & Classification, and from whom received - Send receipts to this office as early as possible -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, Feby 15. 1865

H. B. Bailey Esq Agt
Huntsville

Sir

Deliver to H. B. Bailey & Co. two hundred Bales Cotton in Walker County - Give them lots as near together as possible - Take duplicate receipts stating Bales, Brands and Classification, and from whom received -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, Feby 15. 1865

Col. P. C. Bomar,
Houston

Sir.

You are authorized to ship Cotton by water whenever the same can be done with safety & on good Boats. The obligations to deliver in good order will remain upon you, and in case of loss or damage you must show that it has been unavoidable, and that you have exercised due care & discretion -

Bring any Government Cotton you find after those Cotton - All Cotton Gentlemen contracted by military Officers should come to this office -

You will be paid the same rate of freight, as if the Cotton was hauled by wagon under your contract -

Very respy
Your obt. svt
C. G. Hall.
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Capt. H. Hein.
Hancelau, Febry 16. 1865

R. B. Bailey Esqr Jr-
Huntsville

Sir.

I have given orders to-day for
Bros. Watchings & Co for Two Bales
H. M. Sorley & Co. " 200 "

Where Parties take the Cotton from me where
it now lies - If any is now on the roads to
Decatur let it come on to me - If any
is in Huntsville, however, give it to them -
Do not accumulate any in Huntsville Receipts
for other Parties, except at their expense, as I
will not pay the Transportation -

Get them to take it off your hands as soon
as possible, & send me the receipts showing
Bales might classification & from whom purchased.

In order not to break bulk you may deliver to
either party a few Bales over the order, if necessary.
After completing these orders, please send me a
list of Cotton remaining on hands, in order to
enable me to make a final disposition of the
Cotton under your control -

Respectfully
your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss
Hamilton, Feby 15. 1865

John Hollister Esq Pst.
Memphis.

Sir.

I have your favor of 13th inst & note contents.

As requested I now send you Major Hillis' Permit No. 9. C.A.D. A. C. Thompson. 10 B/C. 11 Bales Cot. As soon as you know the weight & classification of the Cotton send me your certificate, marked 'Permit given'

I have no opportunity to send money to you. If you know of any one coming down I will send by them. I will forward you more. I have paid several of the freight accounts here.

I send you by mail to-day a small lot of Cotton papers & envelopes. I have no other stationery on hand.

Respectfully
Yr obdt
C. C. Wolf
Cap't A.Q.

Custom House, Dept of Texas
Houston, Feby 15. 1865

A. J. Sabin Esq Supt
Richmond.

Sir.

I have your favour of 11th inst. & note contents
As requested I now enclose Major Hillis
permit No 8. ex str. A. H. Keeton 10 Bales
4500 lbs. As soon as you know the
weight and classification of the Cotton send
me your certificate marked 'Permit given'
I enclose also the H. M. Thompsons'
certified account, corrected, as stated.
$ 16.50 cts

And send you by Kings train seven
Bills Manilla Rope - 575 lbs -

Very respy
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Coll'r

Custom House Collr's Office
Hamilton, Feby 15: 1836

Capt Francis Key Pk
Coast Survey

Sir.

I have your favour of the 9th Inst. & note contents -

I am sorry to see the Snacks turned out so badly - I send you a Bale of Burlap Bagging, to send Liberty, to sew in place of them - You must take care of the Sacks, & manage so as to enable me to account for them - Send me an estimate of the quantity & probable cost of them, & I will see you have sufficient to send them up to you - If the tide rises in your County run up the creek, you can let this have them, & send me his memorandum receipt - Send me from time the name & Post Office of the Pilot Boat Commander, who will receive to sue for them -

Capt. Gedney has delivered the 6a B/C. to Mr. Jones, & I am ship by water by responsible parties, & have to do - It is the usual expectation of forwarding the Cutter -

Judge Berry has not decided upon a place for receiving Cutter in the interior - If he requires local agents in the Counties I make do all in my power to have you continued in Pack C, & will give me pleasure to hear testimony of your conduct & qualifications while acting for this Office

Yr. Obt Servt
C. G. Keys Collr

Custom House, Boston, Sept 12 1865

S. A. Foote Esq Collr
Charleston.

Sir.

Mr H. J. K. McCarty has applied to me for Sea Letters for the Boats he is employed in, in consequence of their having very inferior quality of the Rope furnished them by the Govt — Please supply these Vessels as a compensation of the exact number of pounds delivered to them, so that I may adjust this certificate account to correspond.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
E. G. Hall
Coast VO

Custom House, Boston, Sept 13 1865

H. H. Cunningham Esq Collr
Port Sullivan.

Sir.

I have your favor of 12th Inst with Invoice of Rope received & Contents noted.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
E. G. Hall
Coast VO

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ga. Fla.
Thomasville, Feby 15. 1865.

Bvt. Maj. Stones Asst Q.M.
Brunswick.

Sir.

I have your favors of 11th & 13th Inst. & note the enclosures in former.

I have made the alteration in entry of Oct 28th as requested by you. The weight & classification of the 10 Bales were:

(J)	2 Bales	950 lbs	Rec'd at Thomasville,
(B)	6 "	2926 "	Oct 29. 1864.
(K)	2 "	980 "	for B. Stones.

In order to enable me to account for the marking in Bagging & Rope, I enclose blank affidavits which please have properly executed & send to me by return mail.

I cannot make up your Semi-monthly account until unless you furnish me with a memorandum account. In making it out you are not entitled to charge for Cotton unless you know it was the delivered bales. The Bales that were not delivered, and the Thomasville lot is not sure by any means.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. A. Clark
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau
Houston Feby 15. 1865

L. N. McClanahan Esq
Paris Texas

Sir

Please find inclosed List B & R receipts which have signed by the parties and return to me. The B & R rafe receipts sent down by you and which sales I observe are only made out for one half the quantity furnished the parties. Those and your 10 sign are made out for double the amt given you sent me for the amt your acting Agt gave the parties

Very Resp
yr obt Svt
C. G. Hill
Capt & A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, Feby 16. 1865.

A. N. Sehon Esq Agt
Richmond

Sir,

Can you send a man stationed to repair Gins & Screws? If necessary I can get L. H. Lee detailed for that purpose. I do not want to ask for him, however, unless the detail is urged by the Govt.

Very respy
Your obt svt
Ca C. Hill
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Gulf
Houston, Feby 15. 1865

Charles F. Haswell Esq
Galveston.

Sir.

I have your favor of 3rd inst covering L. C. Jannens' voucher for hauling Bagging & Rope, $34.00 - I make the amount only $32.00

Please have the voucher made up anew & rectified, & draw on me for the amount, at your convenience, as I have no opportunity of sending -

Very respy.
Your obt. svt
C. M. Wood
Capt & C.S.

P.S.

Thank you for the intimation about the Cotton with the marks cut out - It did not come to day - Though you do not say so, I suppose it is the Hardy Cotton - You will do me a favor & probably save the Cask from loss if you will ship me the Cotton (10 Bales) belonging to this lot - The last mark on it should be ② if my memory serves me - I saw B. Cook, today, and he told me he saw the Cotton on the R.R. platform.

Yr. C. Wood
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau. Capt. J. Keis.
Houston, Feby 16. 1865

Lt. R. H. Kittrell,
Huntsville,

Sir.

I have your favor of 10th inst and note contents. I cannot object to your desire to know more about the matter, and will wait until you hear from Judge Gray in reply to your letter to him.

The limit of 1st. May will apply to all Cotton in transitu this side of San Antonio or Goliad. My understanding is that the Permits must be used at one of those points on or before 1st May - and if presented there on 2nd May, cannot be used. This construction is the strictest that can be made, but I believe it is the proper one under Judge Gray's circular.

I have heard nothing from him to indicate that he will alter this plan, but am still confident that he will do so as soon as he is aware of the injury he inflicts upon the planting as well as the mercantile community. It is too great a wrong to remain unremedied.

Very respy
Your obt svt
Co. G. Hale
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau. Dept of Miss
Houston. Febry 16. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq Agt
Enochets.

Sir,

I have your favor of 8th inst and note Contents. The receipt of Boudlie & Stewart will answer when you finish the delivery.

The material used in repairs will be credited on the Bagg & Rope you are charged with. The labor I will pay for. In either case furnish me with a statement of particulars & I will send you the vouchers for signature.

As suggested by you I have ordered Lieutenant Cook to this command, through Genl. Robertson, Brandy Reserves.

The Treasury Agency has made no arrangements up to this time for purchasing Cotton in the interior. Those who have sold to this Office & have not been furnished with Bagg & Rope can dispose of their Cotton as they please, as it is now too late to issue any more permits.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Hately
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Ga Miss
Houston, Texas 16. 1865

General -

I have the honor to report back to his command,
Private, Jno H. Houston, of Capt John Lucas
Company of Colored, Houston County, at
Crockett,
as I have no further need of his services.

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A A G

Brig Gen Robertson,
Comm'g Colored State of Texas
Galveston -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Ga Miss
Houston, Texas 16. 1865

J. P. Douglass Esq
Galveston,

Sir:

I have your favor of 14th inst in relation to your
enquiry about payment of 50 Bales Cotton sold
& Trust by T. H. Logan as overseer for Mr. J. H.
Thompson. The account will be paid as
soon issue as soon as presented. Please send
it at once, as there is an error in it which must
be corrected before it can be paid.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells

Houston, Febry 16. 1865.

J. P. Douglass Esq
Larissa,

Sir,

I have yours of 1st. inst. and note your inquiry about a balance due to Estate of H. S. Thompson by Hord & Power of Galveston -

Mr. J. B. Power, the surviving member of the firm, is now in Liverpool - He has not been in Texas since Sept. 1864 - His business in this State was attended during the war on the reason that the planters who owe debts are disinclined to have them paid this thing. The prospect is that none of these will pay until the war is over - Hence it will be impossible to do anything with the Thompson debt until after the war. It will then be paid - I can say that confidently - but as the duration of the war is indefinite from present prospects, it is impossible for me to say when it will be paid -

Very respy
Your obt
C. D. Hall
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Ex Hist
Houston Feby 16 1866

H. B. Bailey Esq Pt-
Huntsville

Sir

I have your favor of 12th inst. & note contents- Your Cotton Report came to hand only a few days ago-

In making up your Bagging & Rope report I would be glad if you will have it as exact as possible. as I want it for a reference in case any Bagging & Rope vouchers are sent in [illegible] are missing and apply for them -

As I advised you yesterday I have given orders for the issue of Stricker C. & Co. Mebane & Co. & H. B. Bailey & Co. Bills will cover the Government interest in transportation, and enable me to close my business accounts -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston. Feby 6. 1865

S. R. Peale Esq Capt.
Athens,

Sir.

I have your favor of 13th inst with the Cotton & Bagging & Rope Reports - Mr Percy has checked over the Cotton report and finds it all correct, though it would have been better if you had designated which lots were given to particular parties, as it would have assisted the examination -

I enclose - as you will see your services - Mr Harrison calls before the mail closes & will pay them the amount for you - $878.95 Specie - Please sign the account in duplicate & return it - This will be in full payment of all your services and expenses -

I send also an affidavit in duplicate which you will please swear to and return to me to enable me to account for the loss and wastage in the Bagging & Rope.

In conclusion I must thank you for your energy & usefulness in the conduct of your agency for this office -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Do not fail to let me know the amount of Rope furnished to A. J. H. H. County -

Cotton Bureau Asst Q. M. Gen's
Houston, Febry 16 1866

Major D. Hart Bell,
San Antonio.

Major,

I enclose Invoices & Receipt of three Letter Envelopes - 6 Reams Letter Paper. being the quantity remaining on Hand after closing the old Agency - Please sign Invoices & return them to me.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hull
Capt & C.

P.S. Your favor of 6th Inst. received duly to Hand. - The letter for Mr. Jones was delivered Mrs. & the one for D. B. Lubbock mailed to him at Brenham.

✓ Cotton Bureau Capt In Chrs
Houston, Texas 16. 1865

Lt. Clark Campbell
Danville.

Sir.

On Nov. 25th last I mailed an application in your favor (to you) for 4 Bales Cotton — I cannot find that the Cotton has been delivered or not — Can you tell me? If so when & how — If not delivered please send it to Galveston as soon as the state of the roads will permit — I will pay the freight as usual —

I received 13 Bales from Mrs L.H. Campbell, but as I owned an application in her favor for the same number, I have concluded that the lot of 4 Bales was separate and would be made good by you —

Please let me know the situation of the matter — As the case stands I am responsible for the 4 Bales.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. svt
C. C. Wells
Capt Pr.

See page 86

Houston Feby 16, 1865

Lieut Col. Talcott
Chief Engr. Defences
Sir

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. returning the Requisition for Lumber &c. which was sent by mistake. I think from the wording of the letter to you and of the Requisition that the Lumber was intended for the Engineer Department at Galveston. If so the Requisition should be sent to the Chief Engineer of that District. If however the Lumber is required for the Defences of this City, please advise me and the Lumber will be issued from this Depot.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Office Depot Genl Subsistence,
Houston, Texas, Feby 17, 1865.

Capt. J. H. H. Kinney, Special Agt.
Austin, Texas.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th inst & thank you for returning the Requisition letter. A letter written to you same date (8th inst) containing the Requisition was erroneously mailed to Mr Rhoads. He has been directed to return it. If he has mailed it to you please advise me when you receive it.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Febry 17. 1866

H. A. Hutchins Esq
Pract A A Gen. C. Ruag

Sir.

I claim as the property of the U.S. Govt, Six Bales Cotton which were brought to Houston yesterday by the Central R.R. - The Government mark has been cut out of each Bale

You will please hold the same until I can satisfy you that the shipper or consignee has no right to it - As an officer of the Govt, I am responsible for this Cotton, and it is my duty to give you this notice in order that the interests of the Govt may be protected.

Very respy
Your Obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt Tagus

The Cotton came consigned to Messrs. A S. H. & D. Sydnor

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

Major.

Mr. J. N. Hahn, the bearer, is an agent of the Cotton Bureau - and I vouch for his loyalty & reliability - He desires to go to Galveston, his old residence, on business, and I respectfully ask you to give him a passport for that purpose -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Major H. Hylleated,
Pro Marshal Genl.
Houston.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

✓

Lt. D. Vedder Esq Aid-
Navasota.

Sir

I have given favor up 16th inst - also of B/C ✓Hugh Doran - Receive the balance of Cotton from them & obtain endorse, on the face of the permit the weight relanced & return -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept. 2 Gr. Mex.
Houston Texas 13. 1865

Major A. H. Hill U.S.
San Antonio.

Major,

I returne your Permit No. 2312, Jany 24 65,
favor of James L. Gay 21 B/C - 14.000 lbs -
on face of which please returne me my Exemption
No. 1211 - I find that the above bale of
Cotton is represented by your permit No. 2364,
hence Mr Gay is not entitled to the one now
returned.

I have attached your Permit No. 2926
Jany 21 - Matthews & Sickles - 21 Bales - 10.000 lbs,
by changing it to 20 Bales 9600 lbs - The
quantity delivered only 20 Bales - Please
make the corrections on your margin
& return to my Exemption No. 1461 -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
G. C. Hill
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Egypt Ex Mess
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

John G. Hill Esq
Ass Treasr

Sir.

I draw upon favour of yourself at sight asking for Jno H. Stubbs certificate for 32 Bs Cotton delivered to Agent Faisons in Cheyt last. I now enclose — and $1.0486 ½ — Have the remainder properly signed, by Mr Stubbs himself, and send you a Treasury Warrant on presentation —

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. G. Hill
Capt & C.

Houston Feby 17. 1865

John Rugeley Esq
County

Sir,

I draw upon favour of 12 ½ Cent, & ask requested your enclose your Mr Stanley's Exchange certificate for new issue $1.000 — $9.1046 — Less 21 ½ Ct — Mr. Stanley has no new issue to pay until got. but this certificate will pay Confederate Soldiers Jour —

Respectfully
G. G. Hill

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

A. B. Robinson Esq
Richmond

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th inst with enclosures -

I called on Capt. Waller for your pass & failed to obtain it for the reason that the applicant must appear in person - and make oaths to be filed with Capt Waller -

You will therefore have to come to Houston yourself - You will find Capt. W. at the Provost Marshals' office, and will have no difficulty in procuring the passport -

I enclose a note for Col J.H. Robinson, which I suppose is intended for you -

Very respy
Your obt svt
Jno. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept N Miss
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

W. F. White Esq. Jr.
Andersonville

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th inst. with the Cotton & Bagging & Rope reports as stated.
The George Stoneham certified account I sent to Mr A S Valentine, at his request on 14th inst. The W. P. Stoneman account I have delayed sending on account of short weight. It calls for seven bales — Is this correct? If so let me know & will forward you the account — If not, let me know the correct weight & will make it up & send it.

The 29 Bales you are to deliver in the Rail Road Corrals will be received by agent J. H. Cunningham, Port Sullivan. Hasten & give instructions thereto to take it. Get a certificate of weights and classification from him & send make up the Cotton by the Train.

Very truly
Your obt
Wm Hall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Tr Miss
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

A. W. Hainer Esq Agt -
La Grange,

Sir,

I have your favor of 11th Inst - with enclosures - The permit for A. L. Gray 25 Bales I have returned to Sam Cuttonic cancelled -

Please send me B. Brakings Sales of 8 Bg Cotton paid to them for his freight - The voucher was sent you about the same time as the freight Bill -

I have made up G. H. Stiles certificate &c. & forwarded it to Dr C. H. Hill, La Grange.

He gave me to say that Bell & Co. gave you 12 Bales - So this the same lot as part of the lot of J. A. Hunt, for which an exemption for 20 Bales was given -

I find I have issued to Jno Gate two Exemptions - 1 - Oct 26 '65 6 B/C
1 - Jany 17 '65 6 "

but your reports do not show that you have ever received any from here - Please let me know if you have, & what has been done with it -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Br. Miss.
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

F. S. Cooke Esq A.A.
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 15th inst and note contents.

Mr Col Browning exemption for 11 Bales has been sent to him. At his request it was made up in another name. The Hon. O. Crisset permit for 9 Bales has been sent to Mr. H. Baker at his request.

As soon as you ascertain whether or not Col Browning wish to use the last permit for 18 Bales, [illegible] let me hear.

Your cotton report is very full. It has not been examined yet, but I think it will show all I want to know. If any discrepancy is discovered I will inform you.

I have no news yet from Marshall or Shreveport indicating whether Judge Gray will change his plan or adhere to it. I still think the meeting will do a good one. & I trust the people will try it.

Respectfully
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Captain

Cotton Bureau. Dept Gulf
Houston, Feby 17. 1865

Wm. M. Cullen Esq
Woodville.

Sir,

I have your favor of 1st Inst, & as requested have enclosed you my certificate account in your favor for $458.88 also Maj. Hillis permit for 2294 lbs of Bale Cotton 1912 lbs -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Dept Gulf
Houston, Feby 18. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq. Agt.
Port Sullivan.

Sir.

I have E. Hiles' receipt dated Dec 22d for 288 B/Cotton delivered by you - Please send me a statement showing the lots - i.e. from whom purchased, weight & classification, I need this statement to check my Books by.

Very respy
Your obt svt.
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston, Feby 18. 1865.

W. Faison Esq Cpt
La Grange -

Sir,

I find that I have on hand the following certificates from you upon which no certified account has yet been issued, as I do not know how much Bagging & Rope has been delivered at the Factories, or whether they are

[illegible]	[illegible]	11 B/C -	5682 lbs
38	[illegible]	10 .	5190 .
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
46 -	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.742 .
	D. L. Randall . . .	11 .	5.405 .

Please designate which lots were delivered already Paid - and which you furnished Bagging & Rope for, and how much to each -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cott Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Tn Miss
Houston, Febry 18. 1865

C. C. Lund Esq Agt -
Liberty

Sir.

I send you to day
3 Pcs Bagging - 90 yds
1 Coil Manila Rope - 78 lbs } 3 for Sand Rome

2 Pcs Bagging 60 yds
1 Coil Manila Rope. 39 lbs } 3 for H. S. Hanner.

which please to deliver to A C Bethell when he calls for it —

Very respy
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c.

As soon as you receive any more Cotton please forward it at once -

Cotton Bureau Dept Za Miss
Houston, Febry 17. 1865.

Jno. H. Harris Esq Agt.
Sweet Home,

Sir,

I find I have on hand your certificates as follows - no certified accounts having been issued on them, viz:

No 8 - Aug 16 '64. A. B. Thomson 35 Bales.
" 13 - " 25. Hardy Wallace 3
H Rosenberg 3 12 " Duplicate
" 24 - Sept 3, M. B. Smith 3 "
" 15 - " " C S. Ross. 6 "

Please find out for me whether these parties have received certified accounts from Major Cabell - Also whether they are entitled to receive them from me in case he has not issued any -

Also if I shall send them to you in case it is proper for me to issue them -

The account based on No 13 - Hardy Wallace for H. Rosenberg, I must hold for mine here, provided Major Cabell has not issued any -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
Lt. C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Fla Miss
Houston Febr 17. 1865 —

A. A. Lowe Esq Gh
Richmond,

Sir.

Do not neglect to send the next 100 Bales you receive, to Mr Halstow at Alleyton, & be applied by him to payment of King & Co. & Kleiseman & Pleasant — After filling this order, pay over to Ennis & Klecker all the balance of Cotton —

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Com Gen

Cotton Bureau Dept Fla Miss
Houston, Febry 17. 1865

Col J. H. McKinney,
Austin

Sir,

I enclose you my letter of 3d inst, containing 4 permits for 50 Bales each, in favour of D. H. Seward & Bro. — which had been erroneously sent to Mr G. A. Alford, Transport, & has just been returned by him —

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Treas
Houston Feby 17. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq Pch
Port Sullivan.

Sir,

I have still on hand your certificate or matter document, which reads thus:

"I hereby certify that William E. Langlois has this day sold to me for U.S. Treas. Four (10) Bales Cotton weighing 5575 pounds - he has therefore the right to export a like quantity in accordance with terms prescribed in Circular of Cotton Bureau June 20. 1864"

"Fri Augt 25. 1865

(Sgd) J. H. Cunningham Pch"

Langlois transferred this to Samuel Steele, & I issued the exemption to Steele -

Did you issue the regular certificate? If you have done so please have it sent down so that I may take it up & issue my certified acct -

If you have not please tell me in whose favor I must make the certified account, & whether I must send it to you -

Very truly
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of the Miss
Hamilton Feby 17. 1865

H. H. White Esq Capt -
Andersonville

Sir,

I have on hand your certificate
favor of J. H. Lacy - Sept 8 - 14 R/C -
but no certificate of C has yet been made
out - Please let me know how much
Bagging & Rope was furnished to Lacy
if any, as I want to make up the
account & close it -

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt -

Have R/C respondt
does not show any
furnished by you

Cotton Bureau, Dept of the Miss
Hamilton Feby 20. 1865.

R. A. P. Crowder Esq
Macon.

Sir,

Inclosed Major Hicks' Permit No. 2949,
in your favor for 5 Bales Cotton - 4.541 lbs -
pkt received - Please acknowledge
receipt -

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & CS

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tex Miss
Houston, Feby 20. 1865.

A. S. Vedder Esq Agt
Navasota,

Sir,

I have your favor of 17th inst covering
Dr. S. Buchanans voucher - & Bagg & Rope receipt.
Mr Peavy thinks the 4th H. Harnesser Co
of 30 Bales is still incomplete - From our
Books & your B/Lading I notice, & have received
at Navasota on the 22 - 13 Bales
Shipped to San Antonio. 6 "
Yard in charge of Capt 8 "
Total 26 Bales.

You say = I have on hand from you 22 Bales
of which I am responsible to Col Hutchins
there that 20 "
belongs to this dist account _____
the Balance 2 "
I have sent to the Navasota Dist - Cott. 28 Bales
leaving 2 Bales to come - Please explain
it -

In Sept last you rec'd 4 Bales [illegible] - 2153 lbs - in
your receipt of your date 23rd ult with Col Hutchins -
This was my Cotton - Please take me out of what
Lot it was taken -

Very truly
Send me full report Your obt svt
of your Receipts & Shipments C. G. Hall
of Cotton & Bagg & Rope. Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau. Exhibit 2. Miss
Houston, Feby 20. 1865.

Col. Wm. H. McKinney Agt.
Austin.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the enclosed samples from Maj. H. A. Baughn, at Rio Grande City. He says they are true samples of the M/C freighted to Rio Grande "City under the McKinney contracts, by S. A. Anderson, The M/C is endorsed by A. H. Rogers and J. H. Durand, late agents. "that a better quality & quality had been turned over to the U. S. "Govt, and that it was being exported under Maj. Hillis' "permit of 1863 for the use of A. H. Durand & Bro".

Maj. Baughn is not entitled to the credit of our great quality of C. but I think it was of the rules adopted that did not give the advantage of classification, and I request that you make an investigation, & report result. Maj. Baughn tells the great Cotton exhibit to come from Matagorda, anticipating much to interest those to witness it.

I am Col. Major Hillis' Obt. Servt.

1	Bale	E. H. Parker & Co. Houston	24.000 lbs
1	Bale	E. H. Cravford	48.000 "
1	Bale	D. R. Shaw	16.800 "

Send copies for E. Kinnies certificates from Washington County.

A. Mengrecky
Asst Adjt Gen
C. E. Hillis
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Headqrs, Galveston 2d 1865.

F. A. Starr Esq Jr -
Matamoras,

Sir -

On Sept 19th last you sent me Bill Lading of 38 B/C, to Rio Grande City - bearing mark of the H. W. Edrington Est - the weight from Bill L. is 22.381 lbs - When the Cotton reached Rio Grande City it was reweighed & found to weigh only 19.650 lbs - causing a loss of 2.731 pounds - Will you weigh this Cotton yourself, & if so please send me your officiers certificate to this effect -

Major Rangel also writes me that the Cotton looks as if it was ginned or false packed - If you have any suspicion that this is the case please let me know - If Mr Edrington has committed a fraud on the Government I want it ferretted out - and I will see that he is made to bear the consequences -

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. G. Wall
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, July 20. 1865.

Major H. P. Bee[illegible]
Rio Grande City,

Major-

I have your favor of July 23d with samples of Upland & Sea Island Cotton - I have written to Col A Kinney for an explanation of the case -

I have also the weights of the Edmiston & Bales. I have written to Agent Starr for some particulars - the Agent is a gentleman devoted to the Govt, and will do all in his power to ferret out the fraud - In the meantime please have the Cotton examined in the presence of witnesses, & if found false packed, please seize and use the sworn certificates of as many responsible men as you can get together to certify to the facts - The man Edmiston is a large planter of Brazos County - If your friend pursued for it I will bring him to a speedy account before the Confederate Court.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau, Capt J. Ness
Houston, Feby 20. 1865

Major A. H. Willis, A. A. G.
San Antonio.

Major-

I have given Parsons as follows:
Feby 6th with Permit No. 2949 - (C.N.P. Comanche)
" 8th " Permits No. 2950 to No. 3001 -
all inclusive -

Very respectfully
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Capt J. Ness
Houston, Feby 20. 1865.

Hugh Ennis Esq
Gonzales.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 3rd. covering Lt. Hamilton's voucher signed - I am glad this account has been settled at last -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Castle Barnard Kept 2nd Mess
Hamilton Bermuda 20. 1865

Rear Admiral Davidson
Bermudas

Sir.

I have the honor to report that I have
Contracted - for the purchase of Sea Island Cotton. I
have performed all I promised, & which
you agreed to accept - Our whole
Contract price is $[illegible] for the - I have
given Russell that price (a 22¢) because
given Cotton was Sea Island -

The assessment price given Brooks ($ 20¢
for Sea Island) is not our schedule, but
that of the Superintendent Commissioners
at Nassau - Their schedule price is payable
only in Confederate money -

The settlement made with you is the very
best I would be allowed to make under any
circumstances -

I trust this explanation will prove
satisfactory -

Very respectfully
Your most
Obt. Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt 1st A.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Texas, Jany 20. 1866

Lt. A. Bard
Col. G. B. Hilsab
Bonville,
Gentlemen.

I have your favor of 14th inst but make contents.

Judge Gray's meaning is that the permits must be used at San Antonio or Goliad before May 1st. The Cotton must be there at the time the clearance is made. The inspection is made at the same time & place, & all necessary papers taken out at once.

If your permits have not been forwarded to you by Major Hellie, I will arrange to have duplicates made for you. — But you should write to him first, & ascertain whether your requests have been received by him. He has been delayed lately in his correspondence by press of business & for want of assistance, & I imagine this account for the non receipt of the permits, that you will have here done.

Judge Grays' Department is entirely distinct from the Cotton Bureau, & he has laid the restrictions upon the permits entirely upon his own responsibility & without consultation with any Officer of this Bureau — the action is unjust in the extreme, and I feel sure he will reconsider it, & remove the limit altogether.

Very respy
Your obt
C. E. Hellie
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Fr Miss
Hdqrs Feby 20. 1865

Milton Parker Esq
Brazos Bottom

Sir;

I have your favor of 14th Inst & note contents -

Your permit for 6 Bales Cotton. 3.07/0 Nos. was mailed to Mr D. C. Starr Millican. on Febry 1'65 - Please see him and obtain it - I do not wish to issue a duplicate unless it is lost - in which case a sworn certificate of the loss must be filed with me -

Mr Starr is somewhere in your county - until I saw Mr Parker I supposed he was at Millican - I have asked him to get the permit from Mr Starr in case he should meet him on his way back to you -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Lt. G. Wells
Capt & AQ

Houston, Feby 21. 1865

Dear Cadwalader.

I have your note of 6th Inst, & as requested return enclosed your Telegraph contradicting the Bishi letter.

Some time last fall I sent Lt. Hardie his Letter Copy Book - Capt Barnett was to receipt for them, consequently did not ask me receipt for Col Hardie, I made him for receipt for his men. I have a letter from Col Capt to day saying if Barnett did not receipt for the Book. Col if he cannot I must receipt back to him for them - If it can be arranged please advise Lt Hardie I receipt for Regimental Books & Lt Hardie can relate the circumstances attending the reception Very failure to get receipts -

Very truly
Yours
D. D. Hall

Lt Col A.A. Inspector
Shreveport -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Jr. Miss.
Houston, Febry 21. 1865

Jno. H. Gibson Esq
Caney, Matagorda Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst, & as requested now enclose Major Wheeler's Permits favor of Lubin Matthews, dated Jany 31. 1865 - in number - Nos 2891 to 2902. 20 Bales. 12.50 Cts each.

Also permit No 2903 - Jany 31. 1865 favor Alc Carmack - 10 Bales. 5000 lbs.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respy
Yr. obt svt
C. E. Hall
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feby 22. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq Jr.
Cincinnati

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th inst with enclosures and contents.

In lieu of your account as rendered, I send enclose my receipt account for seven bales, amounting to $ 1855 — This settlement is to be in place of one previously rendered, made up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Hamilton July 22. 1865.

S. A. Miller Esq Agt.
Conchetta,

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th but made no contract with Mr Hemmingway. If you fail to convince him that he has come into possession of the amount of Bagging & Rope you have him charged with, please give him enough more to enable him to finish packing the 5x Bales. I would prefer conceding the point, if necessary, rather than not get the Cotton. The certified account should be sent here in such case, so that the additional amount of Bagg & Rope may be deducted from it.

If he refuses to deliver unless you give him more Bagg & Rope, please make the settlement as above.

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Central Bureau. Capt 3d Mass
Hancock, Feby 22. 1865—

Lt. Cooke Adjt &c
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 21st Inst. with enclosure—

In regard to your enclosed certificate accounts as follows, viz:

Jno. E. Quinn,	Sergt	Co K,	10 mos	$36.25
do		" K,	10 "	$32.25
Albert A. Crowell	"	" K,	15 "	$54.45
G. F. Howard	"	" K,	10 "	$32.
John L. Merritt	"	" K,	10 "	$29.65

We will pay duties on marked prices when presented for them— None are attached due to fractions, but I am returning them with your copy of original Declaration Receipt & other papers—

I have also on hand a certified account of John L. Merritt Sergt Co K— Will he please to forward us the duplicate— Four two certificates are perfect duplicates except in date number—

Respectfully
Your obt. svt
H. G. Wells
Capt 3d

Capt. Duncan Co. I. Rifles
Hamline, Aug 22 1865

Lt. E. F. Harris,
Present,

Sir,

You will proceed without delay to the plantation of D. B. Smith, on Big Cedar Creek, in Sand Hill County, to receive from their County Sheriff of Cabarrus such property belonging to said D. B. Smith, as shall be delivered by said Sheriff, as shown by the accompanying papers -

You will then assign and place the property, given in by D. B. Smith in your charge, after the performance of which duty at this office a receipt will be made out to you upon the terms of this Bureau -

Return this report as early as practicable after completing this duty -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Cust/ Office
Houston, Texas, 22. 1866

C.H.P. Comeiden Esq
Local.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th inst with reports, as stated, for which I thank you.
The books & Bills of lading have been sent;

Received at Houston	193 Bales	
Shipped to San Antonio.	265 "	
Paid to you for Services	5 "	463 Bales
Your account shows on hand		23 "
		486 Bales
Leaving a discrepancy of		1 "

which I have you would see was destroyed by cows — So enable me to account for it please send me a copy of his affidavit or duplicate stating circumstances of the case — I must show that it is strictly kept and ready for use — If any factors can be found please have it done — and make the affidavits for the remainder.

My Cotton marks pledges from your report that the following lots are on hand — viz Brand G. A. Ledgerdale 15 — S.S. St. Horne 12 — Total 38 M/C, In the account as the specific lots —

Yours very respectfully
C. H. Mills
Cust. Off.

Cotton Bureau, Confd. Sts. Miss.
Houston, Febry 22. 1865 -

Major R. M. Jones, C.S.
Waco.

Major,

Mr. A. M. P. Gaucender late Agent of Leon & Madison Counties includes in his final report to me the following bales of Cotton -

Oct. 20	Bales.	Joseph Lambeth	9 Bales. 3.252 lbs.
" "	"	A. J. Walker	25 " 10.459 "
" 21	"	E. C. Warren	6 " 3.200 "
" "	"	A. Yanaschiske	19 " 9.023 "
" "	"	Ed. Evans.	6 " 2.000 "
Nov 30	"	A. Delgado.	15 " 9.500 "
" "	"	S. M. Moore	12 " 5.800 "

Upon these bales I have not issued either Exemptions or certified accounts - If you have done so I will have to receipt to you for the Cotton - Please look into the matter, and Invoice to me such of these bales (Specifying them) as you have become responsible for on your Returns -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
Geo. T. Wood
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau. Capt. J. Nicks.
Houston, Feby 22. 1865.

R. A. Barkley Esq
La Grange, Fayette Co.

Sir -

Capt. Nicks writes me that he freighted Sir Bales Cotton by you while he was acting as Agent at Brazoria, but that up to this time he has not heard of its delivery to any Agent on the Rio Grande - Please let me know when where & to whom you delivered the Cotton -

Respectfully
C. G. Yelle
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau, Capt J. Nicks
Houston, Feby 22. 1865 -

A. W. Smith Esq
Allegtone -

Sir,

Capt Nicks writes me that he freighted Ten Bales Cotton by you while he was acting as Agent at Brazoria, but that up to this time he has not heard of its delivery to any Agent on the Rio Grande - Please let me know when where & whom you delivered the Cotton -

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
C. G. Yelle
Cotton Agt

Castor Duncan, Capt 2d Miss
Houston, Feby 22. 1865

Capt. A. J. Hamilton A.G.M.
Brownsville,

Capt -

I have your favor of 11th inst and make contents - In reference to Cotton deficiencies and shipments in case of Capture, such as Mr Gilmore has represented all receipts of Cotton to Col Rutherford as received from Rein (Col. R.) it does not specify the no of bales or weights which Cotton (the number of weights) were shipped to Rein - I shall have to wait until some time for a reply to Genl. I have ordered every bale - However you will assist me in my matters by way of explanation -

I have written to A. J. Smith (10 Bales) & R. J. Bromley (6 Bales) to see to them when arrive & to ascertain they received their Cotton which you have sent them. My impression is that it will be found that Mr Gilmore received it -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. St. Duncan
Capt 2d Miss

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Rees
Matamoras, Feby 20. 1865

Major M. P. Boughton A.M.
Rio Grande City.

Major -

I have your favor of the 16th inst. covering B/Lading. A. H. McNair 86 Bales. (Copy) - I will look into this matter and report to you. From what I know of the case I feel sure he has no knowledge of any wrong in the matter, and that if wrong has been done the transaction alone is responsible - A. H. McNair was sent from Matamoras to Mr. Neer merely to assist himself & teams, as he was already detailed to another Agency -

Only one lot of 86 Bales was shipped from Mr Neer on that date -

I have seen Col. McKinney in relation to the Government contracts - His explanation is that the Cotton was turned over to Govt at San Antonio & interior & applied to payment of Contracts, about the time that the difficulty was raised on the Rio Grande about dividing Cotton under the McKinney contracts.

This accounts for their having Major Hillis' Receipts - Where many of the B/Ladings which have been sent you will convince as Cotton on the Rio Grande - It would have been much better if the McK Contracts could have been carried out as made, as the Govt would then have seen more likely to receive the half in quality as well as quantity.

Very respy your obt svt
E. B. Wells Capt & Q.

Ft Hall Bottom, Capt Jn Mills
Hamilton, Feby 28. 1865

R. C. Acton Esq Capt.
Assistant,

Sir,

Major Bayhue writes me from Rio Grande City that Lt McClain arrived at Rio G. City on the 15th Inst with 36 Recruits which he says were left at Brownsville by order of Col Hatch. Lt McClain reported to me on the 20th Inst for duty, but did not go to his post at Clarksville and delivered the Letter to Capt Lynch at Brownsville. Lt McClain arrived again at Rio G. City with 36 Men on the 24th Inst, but not as I expected with Recruits to join (Major Hughes).

The Major states that McClain left the Men at his Ranche and they brought their Guns with them. He can learn nothing about it. It would seem that the Men are deserting on their way to their Posts.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. E. Mills
Capt 1st C

E

Custom House Capt de Hoe
Hamilton. Feby 22. 1865

Hon J. Holland Esq M.P.
Huntsville.

Sir.

I have your favour of 18th inst. made out bonds &
enclosed. Jas Stubbs Capt & Samuel Hoe
sureties
duplicates received from this -

I have made application several times, only to
day to Glenie - Receiver & Himself - Glenie
will return me the receipt signed, in duplicate,
I will then be ready to pay over any amount
received of him.

Should Stubbs and Hoe's Bonds
not satisfy us possible - I an opportunity
Office & send it by Mail, I'll see to do so, as
it will expedite the delivery -
C.C. Court, Grand & Petty, Sessions
the Cats on the 4th Instant -

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. Gilfillan
Collr C.R.

Custom Bureau Capt. 2d. Asst.
Wareham, Febry 23. 1865

C. C. Gould Esq Agt.
Boston.

Sir

I have yours of 20th but have no contract - As Government will give directions not to collect provide from you on three shipments of Bagging & Rope, as they are on their way -

Respectfully
Yours &c
C. C. Hall
Capt 1st C

Custom Bureau, Capt. 2d. Asst.
Wareham, Febry 24. 1865 -

Colonel -

I enclose the affidavit of Agent to the Seizure of Sayers &c. testifying to the release of A. Kerr & Delivery 3 Bales Cotton - I have one more such case, & would like to have it so if any remedy can be applied - In this State there is no legal remedy - I have just discovered from good authority that even a Bale of our Cotton could not pass out of the State unless we have no legal right to the Cotton from Govt. Until Sale and a Govt Number forbidding interference, Take away our only remedy Hence we very much want -

Respectfully
Yours &c
C. C. Hall
Capt 1st C

Lieut A. A. Brainard
Provost Marshal
Bridgeport, Ct.

Cotton Bureau Office
Houston, Feby 22. 1865

T. H. Cunningham Esq Agt.
Port Sullivan,

Sir.

Since writing to you about the H.E. Douglass lot of 6 Bales, I find that I have issued the ord. o/c, that is owner have issued two exemptions on the same lot of Cotton -

In the first place, your informal certificate in favor of Douglass was presented, endorsed to Jared Steele, to whom I issued an exemption on Sixth Prox -

On the 15th Inst, your regular certificate was presented here, in favor of Douglass and the Certified account, and another exemption issued - This latter I desire to get back and I desire that you use every exertion to get it. I regret that you issued two papers, as the owner could not have accounted for - If Mr. Douglass has used the second exemption he should make it good and save me from censure by delivering a second Lot Bales.

Very truly
Yours &c
C. C. Hall
Capt Vo.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Feby 22. 1865.

Major H. M. Wallis A. A. G.
San Antonio,

Sir,

Please see if you have issued a permit upon my exemption No. 419 - Oct 6th for Gen W. R. Caughlan 6 Bales, 5890 lbs, If so, & it is possible to do so please stop its use at Goliad or San A.

The Agent who issued the Certificate gave an informal certificate, previously, which was transformed to Genl State Tax exemption issued to him - I have made arrangements to recover the Caughlan exemption provided he has not already used it - and my object now is to stop the permit if possible, if he has received it from you -

Very respectfully
Your obdt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Jr. Hill's,
Houston, Febry 23. 1865

H. H. Faison Esq Agt.
La Grange.

Sir.

I have your favors of 16th & 18th inst. with enclosures. I have returned your memorandum certificate for 1973 C. H. C. McGown - & enclosed also certificate of a/c for 120 M & permit No. 11000 for 24 Bg C. 2415 lbs for account of H. C. McGown.

I forward to Shreveport your affidavit in A. Sims case, to see what can be done with it - There is no authority there now to impress Cotton. - Genl Smith has lately strictly directed Genl Walker not to impress a Bale - If you do not hear from me in two weeks about this, you will please settle with them by receiving back from them the extra or surplus Bagg & Rope over the quantity he is entitled to - Probably it would be better to delay the settlement till longer, & thus avoid making a discovery of our weakness any earlier than necessary.

I do not know why Genl Smith has changed his views about impressments & regret it so far as I am concerned, as I have the will to force people to stand to their agreement, but cannot act against orders -

Respectfully your obt Svt
G. G. Vest Capt Jr

Houston, Feby 24. 1865

E. Ripley Esq
Stevensport

Dear Sir,

Your note of 14th by Capt Chaffee is at hand - Contents noted -

None has been on package received here from Ft. Lavaca, to my knowledge — But unless Maj Gen K. Kee arrived there about two weeks ago, he brought in a train of Waitons for you, which he forwarded by private hand to Stevensport —

Walker has already written you that no interest can be collected at the Depositary now, as the is out of funds — It is a pity you did not write him a letter on the subject -

Wishing you all imaginable success in sinking up the Cheneries, I remain

Yours truly:

E. W. Kelly

Carlton Barracks. 6th Regt. Cav. Mexs.
Houston Texas 24th 1865

A. G. Vedder Esq. Capt-
Navasota,

Sir,

I have your favors of 21st & 22nd inst. with enclosures - Contents fully noted - I now enclose $160 on new issue in favor of the late Kelley Certificate not-ging &c

I want your Return Report for your command - showing its disposition. If you have time, send me also your report of all Rebels received from you & forwarded, that I want to Report to Washington -

Take care in the latter Report as to have it complete - The Agents generally have kept their matters pretty straight & do not cause me any trouble in closing up -

Very respy
Your obt
G. H. Mills
Capt -

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Memphis, May 24. 1865

L. H. Foote Esq, Qr.
Wharton,

Sir,

I have your favors of 21st & 22d both Vouchers Contracts - I have also (in blank envelope) the voucher for your services, and that of Pollard to cover the claim of Bagging & Rope, wanted by old damage -

I have altered the McCarty voucher by deducting the extra $20 the Rope given to him -

The Requisitions for Galbraith & Brandon were not signed - Major Hibbs returned them to me for signature & I sent them back to him complete - He will send the Permits & send them to you - You will probably receive them this week -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
Ch. E. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Mkts
Houston, Feby 24. 1915—

J. H. Cunningham Esq Jr
Port Sullivan,

Sir.

I have your favour of the 21st Inst. also the Cotton Statements — to make them complete I desire you to send me a statement of Cots delivered & Retained — Make a statement of each delivery — say of 216 — 400 — 258 & 118 Bales, showing all Cots (by names of vendors) each Cot was contracted at —

Do not forget the affidavit (in duplicate) for the 6 Bales — Also what Cot it belonged to —

I make allowance day about till your Cotton (45 Miles) — I will have the permit cancelled back & must have the certified account back also, to enable me to cancel it — Get it & send it to me as early as you can — I mailed it to you Friday 19th Inst.

The three R/R Lding — 29 Bales — of Hays Hammons are received —

Your statement of deliveries & Retained, if you are particular about naming the Cots by names of vendors, will enable me to settle your business very readily —

Yours truly
J. J. Mahl
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bowman Capt 7th Mich
Houston, Feby 24. 1865—

Major A. H. Hillis A. A. G.
San Antonio.

Major.

I have given forty (40) bales of
Cotton, in returning my Exemption
No. 1442—

I would also report my Permit No. 11345
for 117 Bales, 38 Bales more than —which
has been sent to me by the Agent, who says
Col McClary has obtained the Permit for the
Kilgore, and has not sent them — Please
return me my corresponding exemption
No. 1803 dated Feb. 18th 1865 —

I shall call. Have to annoy you by
these continual frequently, as the
Agents have made some errors, and
many planters are refusing to deliver
their Cotton upon orders Judge Gray
withdrawn his instructions upon the
use of Permits —

Respectfully
Your ob't Servt
C. C. Stelly
Capt 7th

Custom Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Dec 24. 1865—

H. S. Cooke Esq Capt.
Quartermaster,

Sir,

I have your favor of 23d inst Cooke what you say about Mr. Sapp - I should not approve this detail — Maj Gen Wood will be able to examine on the strength of the order, without explaining charges &c —

Very truly
Your obt
C. C. Hall
Capt & AQ.

Houston, Jany 24. 1866—

Major,

I have your two letters of Nov 30th & Dec 4th concerning the Project, You requested me to return you the inclosed letter & draft— Both letters forwarded by yesterdays' mail.

Very truly yours
C. C. Hall

Maj. Gen. Wood
Commanding
San Antonio,

Custom House, Coll'r's Office
Houston, Feby 25. 1865

E. S. Mooring Esq. Off
Provost Marsh. Genl's.

Sir -

I have your favor of 22nd inst. and contents -
The Bagging & Rope sent you was as follows:

		9/8 Bagg	4/8 Rope	
1865				
Feby 6 -		720 -	990 -	From Houston
Sept 6 -		1246 -	1006	" "
July 12 -		90 -	96 -	" U.S. Vessel
Nov 20 -		———	975 (Total)	" Houston -
	Total	2196 yds	2,067 lbs	

Your remarks upon the Judge Boyd's action are very just - & is the common theme of good & quiet citizens who have remained in this Department - The Judge has empowered the Provost Marshals in this District, and the Law is open for him & his associates to act very dark grace - Strong representations have been made to him & Genl Smith, & I feel confident that the restriction will be removed. He has no right to allow anyone living east of the Caddo Riv to import their Cotton.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. E. Wolfley
Capt A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Feby 25. 1865

J. Bankhead Esq Cpt.
Marion. Dallas Co.

Dear.

I have your favor of 18th last Inst contents. The remits for your receipt & Capt Hays were sent you 11th Inst. Please try to make use of them. I think Judge Gray will withdraw the resolution altogether.

Very respy
Yours truly
G. G. Wells
Agent &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feby 25. 1865

P. A. Willis Esq Cpt.
Montgomery

Sir.

I have your favors of 18th & 20th Inst. covering the Cotton & Baggage Rept referred to. I have made the corrections in the latter you ask for.

In payment of your services I enclose voucher for four Hundred, which will be found upon presentation.

Very respy
Yours truly
G. G. Wells
Agent &c

Custom House, Collr's Office
Honolulu, July 25. 1865

S. M. Cruzan Esq Collr
Victoria

Sir

I have your favor of 21st last covering Reports as stated — If any other data are required please advise me, as soon as examined —

Apply to Hy. Cabell for settlement of your Hospital account — I cannot give some months yet any plan of compensation to agents —

Very respy
your ob't svt
G. C. Hall
Collr

Custom House Collr's Office
Honolulu July 25. 1865

H. A. Cooke Esq Collr
Honolulu

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th last with contents — I now enclose Bond of Asher S. Smith, Sampan to Hilo — $ 500 —

The U.S. Justice Office came duly to hand — I have furnished him with the oath of —

Very respy
your ob't svt
G. C. Hall

Custom House Collector's Office
Mauritius, July 25. 1865 —

Capt. A. H. Speight
Waco.

Sir -

I have your favor of 19th inst. and contents. It was proper that you should obtain all your Cotton & Maj Jones - My object was to have much of the Cotton you purchased & had become responsible for - & that I might obtain official receipts from Maj J.

Very truly
Yours &c
G. G. Wells
Capt R.C.

Custom House Collector's Office
Mauritius July 25. 1865 —

Maj R. K. Jones,
Waco.

Sir -

I have Capt Speight's letter of 19th inst. Together with your statement of Cotton rec'd from him - I find that I am responsible on my papers for only 48 Bales received through him - viz - the Nelson Lot - I have since received Invoices & Receipts for same - Please inform me the Latter to me -

Very truly
Yours &c
G. G. Wells
Capt R.C.

Custom House, Office of Ins. Agt
Galveston Feby 25. 1865

Major Stuart Gore.
San Antonio,

Major.

I have your favor of 20th inst. & note contents — The invoices Statements are at hand —

My conversation with Mr Carey shows this shipments of Samuels & Williams to be correct according to my Agency records from Brazos-viz; & Thomas & B. Samuels 203 Bales, agree
" Samuels, Williams 24 " with
" Alexander & B. Beaumont 93 " Invoice.
" Cash " do 69 "
Total 389 Bales.

But Mr Carey claims a total of 460 "
& proves that he delivered to Capt. Lee at Beaumont 460 Bales in all —
This makes an unaccountable loss
Officially for the shipment 389 Bales

I was receiving at the time from Capt Lee large amounts of flat Moor Cotton, but he designated it all as Louisiana Cotton with safety — Hence it went into my general accounts — I can only state these facts as I recollect — Please sign invoices & return them to me —

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Agent T.O.

Custom House, Kept for Ills
Shanahan, Feby 25. 1865

H. W. White Esq, Q.C
Inverness.

Sir,

Shanahan favor of 23rd Inst & noted contents — I now enclose the certificate for H. P. Strachan, as Q.C — £5 5s 8d

I wrote a few Returns & Log for account of Bagged Rope delivered to Lacy —

Respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
G. C. Hall
Custom

PS — I find upon further examination that I have mixed the cash & Log — All right —

Custom House Kept for Ills
Shanahan, Feby 25. 1865

J. H. Van Alstyne Esq
Inverness.

Sir,

Please let me know how much Bagged Rope J. H. Lacy owes from you — Send me also a memo. of any other deliveries you have made. He White cannot give me the information.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
G. C. Hall
Custom

Again Called at Lacy's Office & could not get it — Please send it to me. —

Please examine above, and send me your Official
Receipts for same, if correct — I will then
send you mine — If you have not received
one this Return please call me & mention please
when I am to get receipts

Yours &c
Wm E Wall
Capt 1st U.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept The Miss
Vicksburg July 25. 1865

Major M. P. Vaughan Jr.
Rio Grande City

Major.

I have your favour of 4th & 6th Inst with enclosures, which are correct and for which I thank you - As requested I now enclose you my official Invoices of the last Lot received by you - Say 100 Bales -

The lot of 65 Bales which were reported there by you, and then deducted from the last Invoice sent you Jany 30. as your dispatches show to this date -

I enclose statement of amount of Cotton shipped or delivered to you by Lt Cross, taken from his reports to me - also a copy of your receipt for 65 Bales, which is a portion of the 165 Bales - Please examine it & correct and see your official receipts - When you and make reasonable for the whole of it, please assist me as much as you can in getting such receipts as will serve for vouchers to me -

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Quarter Masters Dept Texas
Houston, Febry 26. 1866

Major Charles Russell Jr.
San Antonio -

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22d inst & Estate Statements in reference to the claims of R. Boulter and am certified accts for $ 6703 45 Cts which I have paid $ 3.869 45 Cts - leaving a balance due claim of $ 2.834 00 Cts -

I would be glad to have on receipt of me for the amounts I have paid, and take the vouchers but as Boulter & Agent, the Anderson, holds my certificate for the vouchers, I beg your indulgence for a short time until some plan can be adopted by which I can be relieved of any responsibility I may have assumed by making the certificate - In this place I may state that Mr Anderson insisted upon having my certificate - and if any delay is caused in the payment of the balance, it is this fault I am sure -

If you have possession of any original certificate your most forcible return will be sufficient assurance to me - that if Mr Anderson or the Boulters hold the papers I would suggest the following as the steps made to settle the matter as far as I am concerned -

day - Give me your official receipts for
$65/75 cts - the whole amount of Boulton' acct -
Then - when you pay the balance you may
return me my original certificate, which you
will take up from Boulton, and I will re-
ceipt back to you for the amount of balance
$2585 62½ This plan will secure
to me the return of my certificate, and
prevent any annoyance from its fraudulent
by third parties hereafter
I trust Major, you will not
see in declining to endure any obstacles in the
way of your settlements, - but that I am
only taking proper measures to secure myself
from trouble in the future on account of
an important paper which I delivered at the
request of the Party to satisfy him that
I did not intend to make any use of the
receipt until the whole account was paid -
As the task of commissioners seems to protect
debtors against me, I think I am justified
in proceeding with the arrangements -

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G. W. Hoole
Capt U.S.

Custom House, Capt Jas Allen's
Houston, Feby 24. 1865

Sherman Reynolds Esq Qr
Bastrop.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th Inst. with enclosures - The regents are now yet examined, I will advise you if they need any alterations -

I have returned the Rutherford & Reeves certified account connected - also new Bagging & Rope receipt which please have signed & return to me - & give me the old receipt & the vouchers -

I think Judge Gray will remove this restriction upon permits - It is unjust and arbitrary, and not warranted by any law - Even the new Regulations themselves say 'that all contracts made under previous regulations will be carried out as made' or words to that effect -

Strong representations have been made by the Holders of permits & others both to Judge Gray & Genl Smith, but I have not yet heard of the result - The interruption of mails on the Shreveport route will account for the delay.

Very respectfully
Your obt
C. G. Kelly
Capt & A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Mo's.
Houston. Febry 24. 1865

Capt. B. Shropshire,
La Grange.

Capt,

I have your favor of 21st inst. Vouchers contents. The procedure to collect the pay of a deceased soldier is - to apply to the Captain of his company for a final statement - and a certificate of his death - Upon this any Paymaster will pay the account - The Regimental Quartermaster is also a proper person to pay the account if he has funds - The Regimental Quartermaster (now in Galveston) Major Rainwater, has no funds, I understand. - The time would be lost, however in obtaining the necessary papers from the Confederate Commander -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt C.

Excise Bureau, Excise Office
Manchester January 29. 1805

W. H. Grace Esq
Hemyerstead,

Sir

I have your favour of 24th inst. asking payment of various accounts due and for Casks turned over to Excise I regret my inability to pay them at once, as I draw on receipts every pay day for new Casks issued. But I have been disappointed with only a small amount of my expected to pay my bills & current accounts, and will do an injustice to the holders of these accounts if I postponed it to the payment of later accounts until they are satisfied.

I would offer to pay two of the smaller accounts you hold, if I thought it would be any object to you. The amount is inconsiderable and could be spared without detriment to others.

£37.70
12.15
£49.25

Very truly
Yours
G. T. Hall
Comptroller

Cotton Bureau Dept of Ills
Hamilton, Feby 27. 1865

J. S. Nedden Esq Gt
Savannah.

Sir,

I have your favour of 20th last with enclosures - I have handed Mr. Evans certified account 20 Bls Cotton & Logs &c - also a Bagging & Rope account which please have signed & return to me.

Very early
Yr obt svt
Geo. C. Shelly
Cotton &c

Cot. Bur. Bureau Dept of Ills
Hamilton, Feby 27. 1865

H. H. Hewitt Esq Gt
Amsterdam.

Sir

I received today from Mr Tadlock 'H W & R/C, Hes H.C. cotton lot' - I have no such lot on my Books - Is not this the Barrett lot of 4 Bales? It is stated upon our my Books -

Very early
Yr obt svt
Geo. C. Shelly
Cotton &c

Cotton Bureau Treasuries Dep't
Houston February 28th 1868

Jno. H. Bailey Esq
Agent Huntsville

Sir

Your condensed report of receipts and deliveries of Cotton to the 1st February has been received and examined. The following discrepancies appear (Compared with my Cotton Books)

Agt Huntsville Rec'd 4235. Not on your report.
Credited to T Branch's gin in September

D A Orme

Agt H. H. Haynes reported on your Statement as 29 Bales
Shipped Rec'd 48 Bales

Error in Matter

Your statements of deliveries to Houston 1125 Bales
Shipped Rec'd 1126. and Statement of the Col Patterson
Co. shows only Rec'd 9 Bales were shipped

Explanation of Mistake

The Agent at Red River Landing 1st August reports 40 Bales on hand
Your Office Statement gives report 0 Bales on hand
Does it have changed or is it still on hand?

Awaiting an early reply on the above points
I am Sir Your Obt Servt
Lt & Asst Treasr
Cotton Bureau

Houston March 2nd 1866

Wm Fedder Esq
Agent Navasota

Dear Sir

In comparing your Cotton report with my Book I find that it does not agree and desire from you the following information

N H Reed 4 Bales. The time when this Lot was shipped
A B Easley 32 . . . . I am apprehensive short on this Lot 13 Bales
Reed on Houston 10 Bales
My Bales short. Easley 3 "
Pay'd you for carriage 45 Cotts 4.13 : which I cannot trace
Easley

what and date of Ship'g to Houston of these 13 Bales.

Mr Easley Lot 30 Bales Compress issued — Not on your report at all

Awaiting an early reply

Yrs Truly
O H Hills Supt Cotton
13 Bales Cotton Ck

Houston March 3rd 1866

Wm. Clark & N. Black. Agts
Centreville Leon Co

Sir

Your report of Cotton has been received & Examined & find in your receipts Lot 42 Bales To Wm. P Chrisdon. and Memoranda of 8 Bales delivered him in payment of Service in this Lot of 50 Bales the same for which I have complaint in favor of P M Kittrell — if this is so your account is correct.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience

Respectfully Your obt svt

E G Wells Cotton Agt
By B R Peay
Cotton Clk

Boston March 3rd 1865

Thomas Reynolds Esq
Cy Bastrop

Sir.

On comparing your receipts & deliveries of Cotton by my Book, I find that you have on hand One Bale & Thirteen (13) lbs. — Please inform me if your Book shows it on hand, so that I can allow it in Settlement

Awaiting an early reply

I am Sir Respectfully

Yr Obt Servt

E G Willcox

By Roy Arnold

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feby 27. 1865

Capt. John Smoker
Messrs Moore & Smoker
Beaumont.

Deliver to Messrs King & Co. or order the Cotton brought by you to Beaumont by direction of Lt. Col. Broadwell, on Government account.

Send me the receipt of their Agent as a voucher for the delivery.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss 19

Houston, Mch 7. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq A.A.
Crockett,

Sir, Deliver to the order of Mr Henry Sampson Agent Treasury Dept- ace the Bagging & Rope you have remaining on hand, after completing your deliveries to the Planters who have sold Cotton to Govt-. Take the receipt of his Agent for the quantity furnished. and send a duplicate.

Very resp'y
Your obt. svt.
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Mch 7. 1865

Major.

I enclose my Abstract of Permits issued since my last report- also the margins of same, Nos 8 to 12 con inclusive- also my Requisitions as follows, cancelled.

No. 1457.	Feby 21 '65.	J. H. Preston -	10 B/C
" 1458	" " "	J. G. Newsom	10. "
" 1459	" " "	Jas. Turner	10 "
" 1238	" 27 "	W. C. H Shaw	4 "
" 1490	" 21 "	Jno. E. Hunt	12 "

Respectfully
Your Obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Maj. A.A. Wells C.S.
San Antonio, Tex.

Custom House Collt In Miss
Hamilton, Feb 7. 1865

Majr:, I have the honor to enclose Genl Broadnax's order of 21st ult. giving you 60 days to close your unfinished business &c.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C

Majr. H. S. Gabell 6th
Columbus, Miss

Custom House Collt In Miss
Hamilton, Feb 7. 1865

Captain -

I have the honor to enclose Genl. Broadnax's order of 21st ult giving you 60 days to close your unfinished business. &c,

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Capt. B. Shaughnessy, 6 S.
La Grange Tenn

Baton Rouge, Capt J. Ness
Houston, Feby. 1865

Asst. Quarter Mr. Gl
Brevet Lieut.

Sir,

I have yours of Jan 24th & Feb 2nd
I have received
Invoice contents -
Coils - 2 lbs Manila Rope -
I enclose you herewith Service account to
Jan 31st Baton Rouge - $484.50
" Bagging & Rope 48.20 $532.70
Please return me Cotton to pay your receipt invoice
Voucher me a statement of it - returning the
vouchers duly at the same time -
Receive the Cotton you take, as usual,
by name of widow, classification. Bales
and weight -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Shelly
Capt A.Q.

Custom House Collr's Office
Honolulu Dec 3. 1866

L. L. Bailey Esq A.G.
Kuntsville

Dear Sir

I have your favors of 22nd 22nd & 26th Nov. Trade continues - I'll endeavor have my attention -

The Bark Northwind & Schr Lanier (Custom will be cleared & weighed here - Your statement above is very satisfactory as it enables me to keep my accounts straight with our friends -

The Certified account for B. H. Hart & C/C was sent to you Dec 1st - If he does not give you the Cash, please get the Gr returned to me for cancellation -

Your Bagging & Rope account will prove correct, no doubt - If anything further is required I will write you.

I will pay the U. S. D. Scott account to Mr Hutchinson as soon as he calls for it - I have the funds for it here -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Collr C. H. C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Hdqrs, Mch 4. 1865

J Barnett Esq Cpt
Harlee

Sir -

I have your favor of 27th Febry & as requested, have hand you certified acct favor of Elizabeth Woodlaw 15 B/C - $111.22

Holders of Permits can use them at San Antonio or Galveston until May 1st - After passing those points they will not be molested & they have proper passes for the Custom House - These passes they obtain upon surrendering the old permit - I trust the Planters who have sold to Govt, will be able to make use of their permits — The restriction placed upon their use by Judge Gray is very unjust, and I am friendly. believe that he will persist in maintaining it -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Custom House Boston Sept 2d 1865

Col J. F. McKenney
Auctr

Sir.

I have examined a/c rendered by Capt Nash
Capt Nash — for 22 Bales Cotton shipped
per Schr Patrick Henry for Nassau N.P.
and find the following discrepancies —

Bales 22 Gross 11,200 lbs Tare 2,200 lbs
Net 9000 lbs

Capt. Bonneau Regt 2d Mo
Hdqrs Mo Cavalry
Maj. A. H. Hill A.A.G.
San Antonio -

Maj.

I have the honor to forward with returns & Muster rolls for the month of Feb. 1864 for Co. "A" 2d Regt Mo Cavalry, Capt. Bonneau commanding, and to request that you forward the same to Richmond Va. -

I have enlisted since the last muster roll

1	Private	W. H. Brown	for 3 yrs.
1	"	J. R. Hunt	"
1	"	R. S. Hanna	"

The term of which three have expired and are now engaged in recruiting. -

Under these orders I have had a disastrous effect upon the strength of Co. "A" and I fear there will be a very considerable falling off. - I do not understand that the troops may elect to veteranize before the expiration of their present term of service.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
G. C. Hicks
Capt. & A.A.G.

Custom House Office of Internal Revenue,
Honolulu, Hawn. Oct. 3. 1865

W. H. Parkins Esq
Special Agt &c &c &c
Kalapuanas

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th ult. inclosing receipts for $ 92 50 for signature - which requested I have hand you the receipt signed - the order I have to hand to Mr Shepherd -

I have received from Rice & Co $ 10.000 - for deposit which I enclose herewith & you will please to acknowledge receipt of same -

Yours respectfully
Jno. Mackintosh
Collector
Hawaiian Is

Custom House, Office of Internal Revenue
Honolulu, Hawn. Oct 3. 1865

B. A. Shepherd Esq
Honolulu

Sir

As requested by Mr. W. H. Parkins, Kalapuanas, I enclose you for safe keeping, my Receipt in his favor for $ 92 50 -

Very respy
Jno. Mackintosh
Collector
Hawaiian Is

Custom House Collectors Office
Galveston, May 4th 1865

A. G. Baker Esq
Chief Clerk

Sir.

I have your favor of 27th Ult. & beg to make your enquiries -

All the terms of the Operative of this new Regulations is unchanged - Vessels that will be ready to sail by the 1st May - by information is that Gen. Wood & General from Major Hillis, can not clear on entire cargo on account of not having arrived giving Bonds to that effect - Vessels will be required to have Govt. Cotton - You will not be required to give the Govt. any portion of the Export Cotton -

You must surrender your Permit to the Collector at Galveston or San Antonio, and take out the regular Clearance papers before 1st May - including Statement of duties - Fee for the -

The owners of the Vessel is required to give bond under any circumstances that he will bring them papers for Govt. if it is offered - that if he Certificate of the Govt. Agt. on the Rio Grande that he had no Govt. freight to send by the Vessel, will release the Bond on the return of the Vessel to Galveston -

Very respy your obt Servt
E. B. Wells Collr

Custom House Boston Feb 3. 1865.

F. J. Clarke Esq Cashr
Hampstead

Dear Sir,

I have given leave of 22 nd Inst to remain at Rock Island & Bates - I do not quite understand that the vessel mentioned in the present application is the same vessel as was landed at Bates - if however it is considered to be so please make entry for the remainder - Other articles not specified in the Coaster, as I cannot remember the certificate accompanying them - please refer to the Regulations & Regs to be observed -

Are there more bonds certified accts still to be sent in? I refer to Custom Officials & have issued appropriate instructions -

I do not know of Bates (in Maine) the same as the N. Adams Lake? Please refer them to N Adams Lake Cashr. & Bates Cashr & ascertain for sure -

Yours respectfully
J Graham Jun
Dr. Cashr
Exeter

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Miss
Houston, Mch 7. 1865

Maj. H. L. Bancker A.A.G.
Rio Grande City

Major.

I have your favors of 20th Ult. with enclosures, & take contents -

The explanation about the Russell & Hannan Cotton is satisfactory - I have only settled with them, however, for the 24.05 & 25 Dist. 20 Par. but will give certified accounts for the remainder when the Parties present the Receipt certificates.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Yelly
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Miss
Houston, Mch 7. 1865

H. S. Manning Esq
Prairie Plains.

Sir.

I have your favor of 26th Feby, and am glad to call that your correspondence with Judge Gray is satisfactory - I must confess that I have not heard anything conclusive from them yet - though I trust still that we will soon hear his determination -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Yelly
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Capt. L. Kiss
Houston, Mch 8. 1865—

Col. J. F. H. Claiborne.
Austin.

Sir,

I have your favor of 1st. Inst. Inviting my attention to H. H. Sweet & Bro. Cotton shipment. I will write Maj. Barnes to release the Cotton, though I do not think the law already done so.

I have heard nothing at present about Gov. to warrant me in saying that the time for the use of permits will be extended. That I mean that he has intimated that he will extend the time I cannot say positively. I do not pretend to understand what this expression means, but will explain that he will mean this notification and notify a convoy the law commences upon a large portion of the people.

We have not any information that the Planters and the farmers [illegible] - Indians are [illegible] to pass themselves, but no apprehension of the necessity for employing Troops on plantations -

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
G. G. Wells
Capt. A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Hamilton Mch 5. 1865

U. C. Stone Esq C.K.
Major Hatton Bureau F.

Sir.

I have yours of the 1st & 2d inst under cover.
I have agreed with Mr Rodgers to wait a short time, to see the effect of an application to Judge Gray for an extension of time.

I have written a letter to favor A. L. Gardner & Co. $1875.00 also, Major Mitchell's permit for 10.C.O.T.C for cane - & Co. 2000 lbs bacon for Col Blanchard of Vicksburg Post of Natchez.

You are at liberty to ship Cotton for the Perkins & L. C. Sundries at Sou. & Co. But you must write Sundries not to ship that the C. Co must go to Vicksburg for ye of their Sundries, Keys & Packer.

I shipped 6 Bales Cotton have write the marks out and, that Mrs not get it in Vicksburg. Handy must guard against losing his Cotton if he does not change his measures. Ship the Cotton from A. C. Wallace. You must anticipate Hodges movements by taking possession of the Cotton yourself.

I send you a list of Shipping -

Capt Dr. Wm done an order on me for the rent due to Lewis I will pay it. I have no means of sending it to you.

I will send you the Papers you want as soon as they can be got ready. The loss of your memoranda is very unfortunate, as it may embarrass my settlements.

Very truly yours
C. C. Stone
Capt A.C.

Corpus Christi, Sept 7th 1865
Houston, Mch 1. 1865

Major H. P. Bankhead A.A.G.
Rio Grande City.

Major.

I have just heard from Col H. Stevens at Austin, explaining the A.H. Seward & Bro. Cotton Shipment - It appears that Seward delivered the whole of his permit lot of Cotton at San Antonio, Wadsworth Maj Hicks' permit - He delivered the Cotton at the solicitation of the Agent (H.C. Stevens) Vacated his own wishes, as he progressed to carry out the Contract by dividing the Cotton on the Rio Grande. The presumption is that the Govt received good Cotton at San Antonio - You will therefore please release the Cotton, & your done not already done so -

Mr. Hatton the Agent who shipped the Edmington Cotton says he saw the Cotton weighed - but as it was weighed on Edmingtons scales he cannot vouch for their correctness - He says Edmington has a bad reputation among his neighbors for several reasons -

If you have discovered any evidence of false packing in the lot of Cotton, have it opened & packed Wadsworth before witnesses - Have a bill of the charges made of, including the freight on the trash, & also the loss in weight, & I will have it collected from them or send him to the penitentiary of defending a criminal prosecution -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
[illegible]

Custom House Collect's Office
Houston, Feb 8. 1865

A. H. Haines Esq Collr
La Grange.

Sir,

I have your favor of 27th ult. with accounts enclosures. and note contents to-

I now enclose certified accounts, favor of

John A. Carter	Aug 28-	10 B/C -	$456.30
S. R. Randall	Sept 2	11 ,	246.24
Wm. B. Moore	" 1	7 "	347.14
John E. Hunt	Sept 30	12 ,	499.67

Also Maj Wilkes permit for latter - & C.S.C.R. - & Notarial [illegible] informal certificate in favor of A. H. Hunt for Bales.

I sold Sale and the contract at San Antonio, in the early part of our operations - I exported 6 B/C on the faith of it - He is in honor bound to deliver 6 B/C to you & make it good - and is not entitled to the permit you hold for mine -

I will pay H. M. Williams if he will send his accounts properly signed - Give him an order on me to this effect & I will honor it. I have no means of sending you the money -

Very respy
your ob't svt
G. G. Holly
Collr &c

Captain Bowman, Dept of Mass
Roxbury, Mass 8. 1865

Capt Wm Cooke
Paymr Gen. U.S. Army
Washington

Captain,

I have given drafts at 25 & ½ Premium upon requisition for Rations at Eastport. It is impossible to say how much longer this business will be required in this Bureau as the Returns must be carefully closed before he can be relieved. If Congress in the meantime should pass the pending bill, which authorizes payment on Requisitions, for two years, I have no doubt it will make the arrangement.

I receive no pleasure in transferring this business to any other hands than my own, but will cheerfully do anything I can to assist you in getting a new Agent for their Depot Quartermasters Returns.

Respectfully
Your most ob't
C. G. Kelly
Capt & A.Q.

Cotton Bureau, Capt. H. Hills
Houston, Mch 8. 1865

I hereby certify that I issued the following exemptions viz:

Feb. 8. 1864	No. 450	B. F. Ramill	8 Bales	4.104 lbs
Dec 22 "	" 964	A. S. Douglass	2 "	1068 "
" "	" 965	do	10 "	5.022 "
Jany 2 1865	" 1034	B. F. Ramill	8 "	4.048 "

Clerks for Cotton sold to Government by the parties named.

C. C. Hills
Capt

Major A. N. Hills C.S.
San Antonio, Texas

Major.

Mr B. F. Ramill of Livingston, Davidson County, applies me that he applied the four exemptions named above, & you in January last, but that he has not received the permits yet. If you have not already issued the permits, and will do so now, I will send you duplicates of the exemptions on return of this steamer to me. Please arrange the matter so that Mr Ramill will be saved from loss of the permits.

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. C. Hills
Capt C.B.

Cotton Bureau Dept S Miss
Natchez, Mch 8. 1865

B. F. Reavis Esq
Kosciusko, Attala Co.

Sir-

I have your favor of 27th Feby relative to loss of your exemptions in the mail. I enclose a duplicate & letter to Maj Hillis, which if you send it to him will explain you -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept. Miss
Natchez, Mch 8. 1865

J. B. Bailey Esq C.H.
Huntsville

Sir.

I have your favor of 6th inst relative con-
-tracts

Contracts must not be used for handling Government Cotton - See J. H. Ormsby - Mr. Lyons J. A. Black at Centreville, Hon C. or L. H. Mc Clan-
-ahan at Pontotoc Miss Anderson C. cannot use them in handling Govt. Cotton - If not the same must be obtained at their convenience -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Capt In Chief
Houston Oct 8 1865

E. A. Davis Esq Gr.
Cold Spring

Dear Sir,

I have your favour of 14th Inst Duly Noted Contents —

The Permit for H. C. Callahan, 6 Bales was delivered to Capt R. B Sims on Aug 29 on an order from Callahan.

The Permit for C. M. Thurlow 20 Bales was mailed to R. B. Bailey on Aug 1st Please attend to from time.

I see by your Letter that Kinkey pleads Duress on Cotton he owns the Govt. I trust you will succeed in getting it without trouble. I have always thought over of the old gentleman & am astonished at this proceed, course.

Very truly
Yours &c
G. G. Hall
Capt & C.

P.S.

I do not think your Order had much to do with the restriction upon Permits. Viewed in any way it is not unjust.

Custom House Bureau Collr In Miss
Houston, Mch 1. 1865

Gen. R. Pollard Esq
Ridge - Colorado Co

Dear -

I have your favor of 21st Feby & note contents -

I cannot understand why Major Hillei refused to grant you a permit on my Exemption - Mr Waton must have misinformed you through some unintentional error - If any exemption had been provided to Maj Hillei before or on Feby 6th he would have issued the permit -

If you will have me the exemption I will try to get the permit for you -

My certified account of yours for the above Bales has been issued - Sept 29th for $1392 - If you will send it down receipted in duplicate I will pay it - If you send by mail I shall take the risk & will send you the money by the return mail -

Very nearly
Yours &c
G. G. Wells
Coll'r &c

Cotton Duncan Capt In Miss
Houston, Mch 8. 1866 —

H. G. Stone Esq Or
Fairfield

Sir,

I have your favor of Jany 28th with enclosures, Vouchers contents.

I was at out from town when Mr. Ransom called or I would have sent the money ($1.535 dc) by him. I now lay it aside for you; so that you may be sure to get it when you next send for it. I still owe you the amount of the other cert. of $1000 dc which you will have to wait for a while.

I mailed you your permits on 1st Feby & trust they reached you safely.

My connection with Government Cotton ceases on the 1st of Mch the present business. The Treasury Department, under Judge Gray, will control the whole business thereafter. I understand that no arrangements have as yet been made for County Agents, and I believe they intend to have none —

If you find anything to suit you, & can aid you in obtaining it, I will be glad to do so.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. E. Hollis
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Hamilton, Feb 8. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq A.A.
Crockett,

Sir.

I have your favors of Feb 22. 28th & Feb 1st with enclosures, & note contents.

The Boulding & Stansell receipts are correct. You can take the next receipt from Mr Jackson for Dept, without any further authorization.

I am not yet in funds to pay my certified account, but am expecting money from Shreveport. I will advise you when it is received. Please return J. McDermott's for alteration. deduction of 19 lbs Rope.

Please send me also the duplicate of your own account. I will make the payment to E. R. Cushing, as requested, Hay aside the balance of money from you.

Judge Gray has not yet withdrawn his restriction upon the use of Permits, though I feel sure he will yield to the strong representations that have been made to him. It is the greatest abuse of power an officer could be guilty of & its injustice is so apparent that I cannot believe he will enforce it.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

The accompanying account certified for payment

Cotton Bureau, Dept. 2. Miss 241
Houston, Mch 8. 1865

Major A. H. Hillie
San Antonio.

Sir,

I have your two favors of 2nd inst with enclosure - contents noted.

I now enclose your permit No. 1648 given J. P. Parrish, 4 B/C - 1865 Tex - in lieu of which please return me my exemption No. 1867 -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hills
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept 2 Miss
Houston Mch 8, 1865

A. H. Hanson Esq Capt.
LaGrange,

Sir.

I have your favors of 1st & 4th inst.
Your Cotton Permit is perfectly correct, and reflects credit upon you for your patience & diligence. Thank you for it.

I will send some new issue by Capt McClellan with which to pay Negro Officials.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Hills
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, Mch 8. 1865

Colonel -

I am in receipt of your favor of 27th Ult. and regret to receive such unfavorable accounts of the yarn per steamer receiving none since to pay certified officers with - I am besieged with applications. I receive all sorts of communications in regard to the restrictions upon permits - The popular clamor against the Treasury Agent is very great, and I cannot understand why a cloud was cast upon his character. If he had justice might on his side I could understand it - I believe he thinks it is right, but some manifestation of support should be made to convince him that his retaining restrictions will be ruinous to his future operations & it is a pity you do not think he cannot see it -

Capt Swaken has not delivered the Cotton yet - I know none of the circumstances connected with the matter, only heard he was to have charge of the Cotton -

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
G. E. Yeatman
Capt &c

Lt Col D. H. Brainard
Stonington
Ct

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Hdq. 186

J. H. Cunningham Esq Jr
Port Lucerne

Sir.

Mr D. H. Herndon called on me to day for a settlement of his Cotton, received by you from Mr Ables in Robertson County -

As you had only certified to me the receipt of 19 Bales, I could not settle with him for any more - He says that there were 30 Bales originally. He desires to know whether the 19 Bales you received, comprised the whole lot of product of the 30 Bales in other words whether the loss in re-baling amounted to 11 Bales -

Please examine into the matter and report to me so that I can settle satisfactorily

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Ag.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Feb 9. 1866

Major Charles Russell QMC
San Antonio -

Major -

I enclose Invoices & Receipts 152 Bales Cotton, delivered to Bailiff & Powell in Houston County - also their memorandum receipt for the same, as a voucher -

I have invoiced the Cotton by the classification Powell & Bailiff agreed upon there - This will enable you to make a just settlement with them. If you object to receipt for the classification, please make up new ones as you desire them, - sign the receipts & I will return you the Invoices signed -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Custom Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Dec 9. 1865

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of 4th Inst - my absence from town prevented my earlier reply -

I am now preparing the statements to accompany my report, and I ask your indulgence for a day or two until I can complete them, which will be on Saturday at the latest.

If you should leave town before Monday next, I will endeavor to forward the report through Genl Hatchers Hd Qrs on that day.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Maj W. H. Hastie A.A.G
Dept. Hd. Qrs.
Galveston.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, March 9. 1865

Maj. W. G. Austin A. A. G.
Houston,

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 4th inst, calling for a detailed report of my operations in connection with this Bureau -

The history of this office is contained in the pamphlet already furnished you by Lt. Col. Hutchins, to which I respectfully refer you for more full information than I am able to give in this letter. To recapitulate, however, I will say, that by virtue of Special Orders No. 198, Nov 22. 1864, from Hd. Qrs. Dept Tr Miss, the Texas Cotton Office was organized & charged with the acquisition of Cotton to be applied to the procurement of supplies for the army - Lt. Col. Hutchins was assigned to duty as Chief, and four gentlemen civilians were selected to assist him - The plan of operations is stated in detail in the pamphlet - The prospects for success were good until the State of Texas entered the Cotton market offering superior inducements to holders of Cotton - Finally Legislative action by the State compelled the resignation of Col Hutchins' associates and induced him to ask to be relieved from duty -

In June 1864 Genl Smith, feeling the absolute necessity for the acquirement of

Cotton for Army purposes, determined to impress the whole Cotton in the Department until the wants of the Army were supplied - Owing to the remonstrances & representations of the entire Planting & Mercantile community, Genl Smith modified his demands, & called for one half of the Cotton in the Dept - offering to all who yielded half, the right to export the other half free from molestation - Genl Orders No. 34, of June 1st '64, & No. 35 of June 4 '64, set forth the plan & present the alternative of impressment to all who refused to sell to Govt on the terms proposed -

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell, ~~the~~ Chief of Cotton Bureau, Dr Miss Dept, came to Houston and reorganized the Bureau by adopting almost entirely the machinery previously used by the Texas Cotton Office - The Agents, whose names appear in the accompanying list (A) were appointed and assigned to duty by him - None of them are bonded - They are men of responsibility and character, and accepted the trust because they believed it to be their duty - No man who consulted his individual interest, alone, would accept the position of Agent, as there is no margin for profit, but an abundance of hard work, & no credit to be gained - They disbursed no funds - Had no power to make contracts on any terms other than prescribed by this

office -

The mode of doing the business of the Bureau was materially changed, under the new organization. Lt. Col Hutchins was assigned to duty by Genl Smith as Purchasing Gr. Mr. at Houston - Mr. H. K. Perkins Special Agt War Dept, as Purchasing & General Agent at Matamoras - I was appointed Capt & A.Q.M. & assigned to duty here changed with the purchase of Cotton with which to pay Lt Col Hutchins' certified accounts or such others as were approved by him -1- My District comprised all that portion of Texas south & west of the north line of Newton, Jasper, Trinity Houston, Anderson & Navarro Counties - This District I held until Sept 1st when the country west & north of Brazos & Burleson Counties of the Colorado River, was seperated from mine & placed in charge of Mr. J. C. Winchell at San Antonio, with Sub Districts in charge of Maj A. S. Cabell QM, office at Linton in the South west & of Maj. R. H. Jenes C.S., office at Waco in the North West.

Col Broadwell exercised a strict supervision over the whole organization, and preserved uniformity of action in every part -

The plan was as follows - The County Agents made contracts with Cotton owners for half the Cotton owned by them on the following terms - The Govt. to furnish Bagging & Rope to the vendors at Cost Price - to pay for the Cotton at Schedule prices (varying according to Classification & Locality, but averaging about 12½ ₵ per lb) in U.S. Notes - and also give the

vendor an exemption for a like quantity and quality of Cotton entitling him to a permit for exportation - Maj. A. H. Willie was placed on duty at San Antonio to issue permits on the exemptions signed by myself & Majors Cabell & Genis - When the vendor furnished his own Bagg & Rope, he was entitled to receive double Schedule rates or ~~an average~~ 25 ₵ (average) per lb in C.S. notes, & an exemption - The vendor might at this election sell his whole crop of Cotton to Govt, & receive pay at single schedule rates (12½ ₵ average) one half in coin & one half in C.S. notes, but no exemptions - In either event the ~~12½ cts~~ specie part was deducted from the face of the ~~note~~ notes, at its nominal transportation of Cotton was paid for at the rate of 1½ ₵ per lb for 100 miles, for ox teams, & 2 ₵ for mule teams - in coin -

This was our whole plan for procuring Cotton - All payments were made in my own office -

Owing to the pressing want of supplies much of the Cotton had to be used as rapidly as it could be acquired, in paying the indebtedness created by Col Hutchins. This was paid to creditors until July 26th at the same price it cost the Govt, except that the Govt paid paper & received the same value for the Cotton - From July 26 to Oct 10 the Govt recd. 2 ₵ 6 37/100 per lb higher on all grades - & since Oct 10 - an advance of 8 ₵ on all grades has

been made -

The accompanying Cotton Statements (B) & Cash Exhibit (C) shew approximately the extent of the business of this Office, and its present condition. Owing to the constant labor required to keep up the current business, and want of assistance in the Office, I have not yet made any quarterly papers - hence I make condensed statements of the whole business - I would be glad however, to have you call at my office and make a personal examination of my Books & papers, and satisfy yourself as to the mode of conducting the business - I regret that my papers are not in a sufficient state of forward-ness to enable me to make a more satisfactory exhibit, but it is simply impossible for me to do better under the circumstances

My Roll of Extra duty men (D) shews the extent of my local working force - The transportation being all chined, the teamsters are not carried on my rolls at present, but will appear in my monthly Reports of persons & Articles, when made up -

In closing this report I desire to remark that I have made no material accumulation of Cotton since October last, but have been engaged in getting in hand the Cotton previously acquired, and endeavoring to close the business - The adoption of the "new Regulations" having placed

the Great Cotton business in ~~the hands~~ Chge of the Treasury Department, this Bureau may now be considered as in process of liquidation. I think I may be excused for saying in this place that the prospect of being soon relieved from a laborious and thankless task is very gratifying to myself & others who have been connected with it - We have endeavored to do our duty to the best of our ability, and I believe our efforts have been productive of some good to the service.

Owing to the embarrassment of our affairs caused by the restrictions placed by Hon S. H. Gray, Treasury Agt, upon the use of Cotton Bureau permits, I will be delayed in closing up my business, and it is impossible to say how much longer I may be occupied with it - I will use the utmost endeavors to close it in the shortest possible time, as I am anxious to complete & forward my papers for ~~settlement~~ examination & settlement -

I have no data in my office enabling me to give you full information in regard to the payment of specie funds to Lt Leon Smith, as the voucher has been sent to, & is now in possession of Maj E. Russell Gill, at San Antonio - My recollection is that the order of Genl Magruder was dated Augt 16 '64, and called for four months pay

station & mileage - The orders was accompanied by one from Lt Col Broadwell directing me to pay the amount - In consequence of my disinclination to carry the voucher an my papers Major Russell relieved me of it by receipting to me for the amount - You may obtain copies of the voucher and orders by direct application to them -

I trust you will excuse my delay, in making this report, an account of my absence from town - On my return I found considerable business accumulated which required immediate attention & which for want of assistance I was compelled to attend to myself at once - Desiring to give you as much information as possible on the subject I am preparing my statements with care, and trust they will prove satisfactory -

I remain, Major,

Very respectfully

Your obt svt

C. G. Wells

Capt & A.Q.M.

Stating for Cotton Bureau at Houston,

The Amount of Outstanding indebtedness of this Office is shown by Statement "A" -

Roll of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates employe
the month of March 1865 by Captain L. G. Wells, A

No.	Names.	Rank	Company.	Regiment.	By whose order employed	Nature of Servic
1	D. McGregor	Private	"L"	Reserve Corps. M. C.	Major D. C. Thomas	Capt
1	R. H. Labanish	"	"C"	Cooks.	Genl E. K. Smith	"
2	F. L. Macatee	Private	Unassigned Conscript			
2	L. F. Harris	"	"	"	Col. D. B Martin	Clerk

I Certify that the above is a correct Roll of Non-Co
under my direction during the month of March 1865

…r extra duty as Clerks at Houston Texas, during
…f + acting Chief of Cotton Bureau.

Term of Service			Rate of Pay per Day		Commutation for fuel, Straw + Quarters per Month		Remarks.
From	To	No of					
65	1865	Days.	Dolls	Cts.	Dolls	Cts.	
1	March 31	31	3	00	20	00	
1	" 31	31	3	00	20	00	
1	" 31	31	2	00	20	00	Out door receiving Clerk.
1	" 31	31	2	00	20	00	

…sioned Officers and Privates employed on extra duty
…d that the remarks opposite their names are accurate + just:

L. G. Wells
Capt + A. Q. M.
+ acting Chief of Cotton Bureau.

(D)

Roll of Extra Duty men

C. G. Wells

Capt Yagow

Contract Bureau Ecpd 3 1/C
Dawson Sept 9. 1898

Ob. Steen Esq
Brazal Castle P.C.

Sir.

I have your favor of 1st. Inst and note the loss of your Books, which is very unfortunate.

I now send you a statement of your Contract account as shown by the papers in this office. Please make the necessary additions & corrections - and state on the report where the balance of the Cattle on hand is -

I have enclosed certified accounts -

Harry Wilson	Jany 14 -	28 1/C -	$1.264.48
A. B. Fairbairn	" 17	21 "	1.097.16
W. Chapin	" 14	2 "	79.61

I handed Mr Ed. Hodges his cert yesterday -

I wrote you yesterday that I would pay the J. B. Wilson account as soon as it was presented. I have no means of ~~paying~~ Sunday you the money -

I can not get in funds to pay my accounts - I dislike very much to yield to Wilson but suppose I must do so in this case,

Very respy
Your obt
C. E. Wells
Capt 1st C

Custom House Capt L Hill
Houston Texas 10. 1865.

A. N. Dade Esq Pst
Houston.

Sir

I have your favor of 6th inst asking what dis-
-position you are to make of the Bagging & Rope on
hand — Please retain in in safe keeping until
I order it turned over to some other officer — I
expect to give it to the Treasury Department, but
have not yet made arrangements to do so.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Miss.
Houston, Feb 10. 1865

Col. J. B. Wilson
Boonville

Sir,

I have your favor of 6th inst & note contents. Your Permit for 50 Bales Cotton was mailed to Mr Greer on 1st. Febry - He wrote me a few days ago that he had received all the permits, consequently yours must be in his hands -

Under the restrictions lately made by Hon P. H. Gray, Treasury Agent, the permit must be used at San Antonio or Eagle Pass by 1st May - You will not use yours to load half your train for the East - You will not have to give Bond on your Cotton - Every train must take out a license, whether the permit accompanies the Cotton or not -

I think Judge Gray will extend the time for the use of Permits - but I do not known so. As I do not wish to write anything calculated to deceive -

I have written Mr. Greer that I will pay your Certified account, if forwarded here - I cannot promise to pay any others as my funds are very short - I have no way of sending you the money or would do so - Send your account down to Penn Friend, signed in duplicate -

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
[illegible]

Capt. Bowen, Dept. Q. Mast.
Houston, Feb 10. 1865

Major R. M. Jones A.A.G.
Waco.

Major.

I have your favor of 1st inst covering Invoices & Receipts for Subsistence acquired through agency of Mr. A. P. Bowen — I now hand you Receipts for same, enjoined.

Respectfully
Your obt. st.
C. G. Stell
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Z. Miss.
Houston, Feb 11. 1865

W. H. Perkins Esq.
Special Agt P.O. Matamoras.

Sir,

I am just in receipt of a Telegram from Gen Broadwell, which says!

'Gen Smith has prohibited all Cotton passing into the enemy's lines - No more will go to New Orleans - Advise Mr. Perkins &c - Cotton will advance in Matamoras & Havana on receipt of the news'.

You will recollect that Gen. Canby has been instructed by the Federal Govt. to allow the trade in Cotton with the Confederates, even though the result should be the introduction of contraband goods into Confederate lines - The outlet thus attempted to be opened for the free exit of Cotton has already had its effect upon prices - The above action of Gen Smith will disappoint the Federal traders and their outside allies, and enable us to obtain greater proceeds for the Cotton we may be able to get out -

You will use this information as you deem best how to do, to benefit the Govt -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, Feb 11. 1865—

Colonel -

I am informed, in a letter from Brownsville, that Mr Perry Sargent, Treasury Agent at Galveid, says the Bureau Cotton cannot leave that point until the duties are paid - I suppose the instructions came from Mr. [illegible] and that it will be necessary to have some one at Galveid to pay duties on the Govt. Cotton -

Have you thought of it? or has any person been directed to attend to it? If not I suggest that Mr. Sargent be requested to act for the Bureau when necessary - He could do it without conflicting with his other duties, that would save the necessity of putting an extra man on duty.

I fear that Judge Gray's action will prove even more disastrous that I anticipated - The Bureau will lose at least 4000 Bales on account of the short limit given for use of permits - Not much of an extension of time, a considerable portion of our debt must remain unpaid - It is impossible that such action can be beneficial to the Govt -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Lt. Col. Wm. D. Broadnax
Shreveport, La

Send telegram to Gen Sibley that I will not [illegible] Texas until [illegible] Texas cotton [illegible]

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tx. Miss.
Houston, Mch 11. 1865

H. O'Connell Esq
Enfield.

Sir,

I have your favor of 28th Feby from Brownsville & note contents -

I am anxious & sincerely desirous to make arrangements to pay duties on the Govt. Cotton passing through Enfield - I do not think there will be any considerable amount on the road outside of that forwarded through the Treasury Agency -

Cotton agents will succeed ice moving your cotton after 1st. - It shall need every bale of Cotton we have contracted for, to pay the debts created under the old organization. I will be glad to hear therefore that you are ready to deliver the 2a/3 bales engaged by you.

Respectfully
Your obdt svt
C. G. Hall
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Mills
Hamilton, Miss 11. 1865

Major R. H. Jarvis, U. S.
Itaca.

Sir,

Please send me a list of all the Cotton you have received from Agents of this Office and for which you are not accountable by having issued your own Cert ofs? As the reports of my Agents are not in, but I find the following have been shipped to you

by Agent D. L. Stone Fairfield 188 Bales
" " " Richard Cliff 87 "

for which I am accountable —

If you will send me a list of your receipts you will aid me very much in closing up my papers — Your early attention will much oblige me —

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gulf Miss.
Hamilton, Mch 15. 1865

J. S. Calder Esq A.A.
Natchez.

Sir,

I have your favor of 10th inst covering E. Kennard's certified account $ 99.00 in payment of which I now enclose $100 new issue.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf Miss
Hamilton, Mch 15. 1865

C. C. Wood Esq A.A.
Liberty

Sir,

Please send me a Report of your Purchases of Cotton, and the disposition of each lot—

Also a report of all your Receipts of Cotton from other Agents, & disposition of same—

Also statement of Bags & Rope received & distributed by you

Your early attention will assist me very materially in closing my accounts,

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Feb 10. 1865

Dr. B. E. Smith,
Care Sabin Texas, Arcola.

Sir,

Mr. Harris has returned from his visit to you & informs me that you claim 25 ℔ for the former Cotton, on the ground that Mr Owens agreed to allow you this price - I have just read Mr Owens the days the only [illegible] he ever made [illegible] in the letter he wrote you - This letter is mislaid, but it was among the papers sent down to you by Mr Harris, & you probably recollect its contents.

Should any arrangement I am authorized to make in reference [illegible] fix upon the schedule price (an average [illegible] for new Middling) according classification - & existing cost of Bagging & Rope a 60 ℔. yard Round, & give you a permit for an equal quantity & quality of Cotton -

Mr Owens is confident he made you no other proposition - As for me he was not authorized to exceed the above terms -

I will be glad to hear from you in reply to this & know if you will be ready to deliver the Cotton -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston Feb 13. 1865

Hon. P. W. Gray,
Agent Treasury T.M.E.

Sir,

I enclose the estimate of cotton and
Land in my District, on 1st Jany last, in
accordance with the request made by you
sometime since. The delay has been occasioned
caused by awaiting for reports from Agents,
which have been slow coming in.

If not inconveniencing you too much
I would be glad to have copies of the
Estimates forwarded to you this Capt.
Barnet & Lange. You will recollect
I suggested that they be applied to to furnish
you with some particulars from their
Districts.

I trusting the enclosed papers will
reach you in time to answer as purposed
I remain,

Very respectfully
Your ob. svt.
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Mch 18. 1865

N. N. Johnson Esq Agt.
Richmond

Dear Sir,

Please send me your report of all the purchases of Cotton made by you - and the disposition of same - Also some particulars of Bagging & Rope passing through your agency -

I cannot make up my final accounts without complete statements from you -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Miss Mch 18. 1865

N. N. Langhorne Esq Agt
Parkersburg Miss.

Dear Sir,

Please send me a Report of all the Cotton purchased by you - giving names of vendors, classification & weight - Also the disposition made of same, and the bale remaining on hand.

Also Report all the receipts & deliveries of Bagging & Rope, & quantity on hand -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept of L.
Houston Feb 13. 1865

E. G. Stone Esq Cpt
Fairfield

Sir,

Please send me a report of all the Cotton purchased by you - for which I am accountable - also the disposition & ownership of the Cotton by Lots, by names of vendors -

Respectfully
Your obt
E. G. Wheelock
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Feb 13. 1865

E. S. Herring Esq Cpt
Prairie Plains,

Sir;

Please send me a Report of all your purchases of Cotton - the disposition of same - Also your Receipts & deliveries of Bagging & Rope - Shew the amount of each on hand - Shew the Cotton by Lots

Respectfully
Your obt
E. G. Wheelock
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept In 9271
Hawaiian. Mch 10. 1865

J. Bartlett Esq Gt
Kanlui.

Sir,

Please send me a Report of all your Cotton purchases - naming the Cotton by lots by names & numbers — Also the dispositions of the same - Showing what lots are on hand.

Also a like report of the Bags & Rope received & distributed by you. I need these statements to close my accounts -

Very respy
Your obt
C. E. Wells
Cash Dpt

Cotton Bureau Dept In Hds
Hawaiian Mch 13. 1865

S. N. Harris Esq Gt
Sweet Home

Sir,

Please send me a report of all the Cotton purchased by you - for which I am responsible also the disposition of the same - Name the lots by names of vendors. I need this Statement to enable me to close my accounts.

Very respy
Your obt
C. E. Wells
Cash Dpt

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Neis
Houston Feb 18. 1865

F. B. Bailey Esq P.M.
Huntsville.

Sir.

I have your favors of 7th 8th & 10th Inst
Funds contents.

You can delay rendering your Revised account
until you finish the Bureau business. I do
not think you are entitled to make any change in the
Quantities on the Cotton you deliver on orders, as
your compensation is included in the item of
25¢ Pr Bale for Rec'g & forwarding.

I think your present detail will be sufficient
to exempt you — til the business is closed.

Hold all the Bagging & Rope you may have
on hand after supplying engagements, until
I send for it — or order it turned over.

I make the explanation about M. R. Hynnie's
Quarrels — The error is now rectified here.

Be requested I now hand you J. & B. Gibbs
Act. a/c, made at double rates in accordance
with your agreement with them — 7 Bales

Please see what you can do to induce
Smith & Walker & D.r Rawlings to close their old
Cotton matters — It is time they were
doing something —

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. E. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Capt 2nd Mass
Hamilton Feb 14. 1865

Ebenezer Reynolds Esq Qr
Bastrop.

Sir,

I have your favor of 9th inst with enclosures & note contents.

I now enclose John Fawcett certified acct, connected - 8 B/C - $559.06.
Also certified qrs in favor January for hauling Bagging & Rope - $565 62 & $103 86 The two latter I will pay if you will have them signed & presented here -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Capt 2nd Mass
Hamilton, Feb 14. 1865

H. S. Cooke Esq Qr
Hempstead

Sir

I have your favor of 10th inst & note contents. As requested I now enclose certified account favor B. E. Roach 6 B/C - $290 24 Of course you will hold this qr, until you get the Cotton -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Qr

Central Bureau Capt Jr Mess
Houston, Feb 15. 1865

W. H. Perkins Esq.
Special Agt. Treasury.

Sir

I am in receipt of your favors of 21st
inst & make contents -

Am instructed to have a night & claim
Commission on the 65 M/C for "Nightingale"
Mr L. Contreras owner of the vessel, I am of the
firm of A. & Co is now here & I have, thought
Messrs Mills of this place, some over the
whole matter until time - He agrees that
they are to pay & has written them to re-
-fund that & claim for Commission - I
am not sure but I understand that he also
writes them to have the sum of Lighterage
over the Brazos Bar (Rio Grande) to arbitrators.
& paid the Lighterage in Havana Bay here,
& I do not understand how they could make
any claim for it -

Please forward the Draw either to Mr
Helms, or direct to Brazos Santiago & Co,
Liverpool for me of our all departure - in
the latter case advise Mr Helm that it goes to
Depot -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C.C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Ala
Mobile, Mch 15. 1865

A. G. Mann Esq P.M.
Millbrook.

Sir -

I have your favor of 12th inst & contents -

I enclose $ 5906.00 new issue, to pay

J. R. Wilson	$ 6.26 by .18	
A. S. Bent	1.371.12	
Mrs Mary Wilson	1.364.48	$ 5.902.78

Be particular to have them sign their cert. ofc: in duplicate - do not pay unless the cert ofc are given ofc - Send me the account as early as you can by first safe conveyance -

All your Agents agreed to pay them for taking care of the Cotton it will have to be done - that they are the only Planters who have made the charge.

I saw Bustamente a few days ago & told him that I had ordered you to ship the Cotton to Matamoras instead of delivering it to him.

I do not know whether I can get a detail to haul Cotton, now, - but if you know any one in your vicinity who can do the work I will make the application for you - In the meantime I will try & send you a few teams from Union & Walker Counties -

Respectfully
Your obt
C. G. Memminger
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 15. 1865

Sherman Reynolds Esq A.A.
Bastrop.

Sir -

I understand that Rev. E. Coulson refuses to deliver the 24 Bs Cotton sold to Govt, on the ground that the limit of 1st May does not give him sufficient time to export his own Cotton - You may say to him that Judge Gray has intimated that he will extend the time if circumstances demand it - I feel sure that he will do so, though I have no direct information enabling me to say positively that he will -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

P. S.

I think Mr. Coulson will find he has ample time to get his Cotton to Galveston, before 1st May if he will use diligence in moving it. The action of Judge Gray is extremely unjust, & I do not believe that he will adhere to it -

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas 277
Houston, Mch 15. 1865

Saml Arendale Esq
Navasota,

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 10th inst. & note your enquiry about payment of your certificate &c. I am very anxious to pay, but have not yet had funds in hands — I am promised from Washington that I shall have funds as soon as any are raised from the other side of the River. I know this is very indefinite, but I think you may rely upon getting your money soon —

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Mch 15. 1865

Major A. M. Willie C.S.
San Antonio,

Major,

At the request of Dr. J. Reed I send you my duplicate exemption No. 816. in his favor for 20 B/C. He has failed to receive your permit on the one he has already mailed to you. Please send him your permit at early as you can. His address is Bonnieville, Hays Co.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

Custom House Dept of Marine
Hamilton March 15. 1865

Mrs. F. Penny Esq
Dundurn.

Sir,

I thereupon favor of 12th Inst & note contents - Please report with your steamer to Agent R.C. Yacht at Hibbleton, for duty - If she is not at Hibbleton when you reach there, address a letter to him at Bradgen Bottom P.O. Bamberton Co, asking for orders - You had better probably write to him at once to both places telling him you will be at Hibbleton on a certain day -

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
G. C. Hall
Collr H.C.

Custom House Dept of Marine
Hamilton March 15. 1865

Mr. L. Beall,
Brannville

Sir,

I thereupon favour of 9th Inst & today send to Maj Hillier my duplicate exemption in your favor for 25 Oct Cotton, with instructions to send you the permit to Brannville -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
G. C. Hall
Collr H.C.

I have sent the Inst
the money for your
a/c this account -

Easton Bonsall Esqr Jr Pleas
Hancock Mch 15. 1865

Ex. P. H. Kittrell,
Huntsville.

Dear Sir.

I have your favor of 9th last from Madisonville & note contents —

I sent Mr Hunnicutt your mail, with letters, to Genl A. A. Black at Centreville Leon Co. on Sat 11th & I am surprised that he has not delivered them as he has acknowledged receipt of them — I write him to day to do so at once, — also write to do whatever that I have done so —

I regret that I am still unable to throw any light upon Judge Gray's future movements — I understand that he has intimated that he will extend the time if circumstances demand it — This is very indefinite and does not enable me to say positively that he will extend the time, though I feel that he will — In the meantime I will take all proper steps to delay its cancellation until I hear from you again —

Very truly
Your Obt Svt
E. O. Wells
Collr &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Mch 10: 1865—

A. M. Black Esq Pt.
Courtenville, Conn Co.

Sir—
I enclose certified account of

Richard Craig	50 B/C.	$2.056.57
E. R. Coates	6 "	16.90
Orson McDaniel	8 "	250.72
W. B. Mercer	50 "	1599.25
R. S. Hamilton	20 "	774.17

Mercer & Hamilton have written to me for their permits to say they are anxious to ship their cotton — I send you the permits on being rec'd Please call on them at once & deliver them the permits & get — Also deliver permits & get & offer of the other planters who have delivered or are now ready to deliver the Cotton they sold to Short — Do not let them have occasion to charge this office with any delay or default in facilitating their movements after they have complied with our rules —

Very respectfully
your ob't svt
G. B. Wells
Cotton Ag't

Bank of Hendersonville —

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 15. 1865

A. B. Cunningham Esq
Madisonville

Sir,

Mr. Hillhouse writes me that you have not yet received your permit for 50 Bales Cotton - I sent it to Agent J. A. Black, Centreville on 10th inst requesting he had delivered it - I write him today to do so at once - also to hand you the Certified account for the Cotton - The latter I will stay as soon as I am placed in funds from Shreveport -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Ag.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Feb 15. 1865

R. L. Hamilton Esq
Madisonville

Sir.

I have given favor of 10th inst asking for your permit for 30 Bls Cotton - I sent it to Agent J. A. Black at Centreville on 10th Inst - I write him today to deliver it to you at once - also to hand you the Certified account for the Cotton - The latter I will stay as soon as I am placed in funds from Shreveport -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells

Custom Bureau Dept Jo Miss
Houston, Mch 15. 1865

Captain,

My attention having been called to the fact that Jo. H. Patout is advertised as a deserter in your advertisement of Mch 6th. I have the honor to state in his behalf that he has been detailed to this Bureau, as wagon master, and has been employed in transporting Goat, Cotton to the Rio Grande, until the latter part of last January - His failure to return at once to his command seems to have arisen from a technical error that from a desire to absent himself from duty - He had been informed that if he obtained a license under the "new Regulations" he would be entitled to a further detail, and he had made partial arrangements to become a licensed carrier & had expended his Bond, before he was made aware, by your advertisement, that his absence was disapproved - The papers in his possession will show that he has been acting in good faith, and I give him this letter believing that he is not, morally, a deserter - If it is possible to relieve him from the odium the advertisement casts upon him, I respectfully request that you use your influence to do so.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Capt G. L. Thornton A.A.G.
Houston, Tex.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Feb 16. 1865—

A. S. Vedder Esq Of
Navasota,

Sir.

I have your favors of 13th & 14th Inst & note contents—

The draft for $13 00 should have been drawn on H. L. Darby — I have seen him about it & he will pay it—

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Houston Feb 16. 1865—

A. S. Vedder Esq
Navasota

The Bale of Land arrived safely. & I am now having it emptied & will send it back to you, gradually tomorrow—
One more Bale full will be sufficient — I enclose Bill of same amtg to $15 38 — which please receipt & draw on me for the amount—

Respectfully yours
C. C. Wells

Thanks for your attention to the Bacon matter, Get the smallest you can, as it is entirely for the family table—

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston Mch 16. 1865

John Houston Esq Jr
Alleyton,

Sir,

I have your favor of 13th that I note contents. I want the new Bagg & Rope receipts signed because the old ones do not exactly correspond with the certificates - but it is necessary that they should be -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells

Houston, Mch 16. 1865

Wm Hutchison Esq
Leander -

Mrs League thanks you for the bucket of Butter - it came quite opportune - She will keep the bucket until you come down -

The "Bonita" will leave this day week, as she will be ready by that time - She goes to Galveston - Moore & Swasher will send you 200 B/C from Harrisburg, as soon as it can cross the Bayou - Capt Moore will probably go up with his Cotton - It is in very bad order - He is deserving of good treatment as he has been hard at work for the Bureau for a long time - do the best you can for them - I suggested that the Cotton would be better attended to at Alleyton than here - besides which they save the expense of RR freight from Harrisburg to this place, & true drayage & handlings here -

Very truly yours
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept. E. Miss.
Houston, Feb 16. 1865

F. H. Cunningham Esq Agt
Port Sullivan.

Sir.

I find by your report that R. H. Davis delivers only 20 Bales instead of 30 Bales — The fact of it being of same weight does not relieve me, unless I can get back from him my certified acct & change the number of Bales to 25 — Please procure it & send it to me for alteration — It was mailed to you on Jany 20. '65 — Amt $990 — I will send you a new account for same amount — but for 25 Bales —

You also say in your report "less error, 7 Bales" — What does this mean? This does not do away with 7 Bales, without further explanation

You are standing thus on our Books viz:
Your certificates make you accountable for 1208 Bales
" " to E. G. Beaver (not in your Report) 3
Total 1.211 Bales

Of which you have delivered
To E. Rustamente 1047 Bales
" yourself for service 12 "
Stolen (for which I must have affidavits) 5 " 1064 "
Leaving on Hand 177 Bales
But your report only 167 "
leaving in doubt 10 Bales

Please explain this so that I can settle my accounts — I know that the Cotton is all right so far as you are concerned but I must be

Engineer & make the necessary explanations
Engineer & make the necessary explanations

Quarter Master Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Feb 17. 1865

J. B. Bailey Esq P.M.
Huntsville

Sir,

I am just in receipt of a letter from Maj Hollei dated Feb 8.th in which he says that your permits for 26 B/Cotton were issued in name of R.B Simms, & handed to Vance & Bro - He says also that my Ex - -emptions were properly endorsed by you transferred to R Simms -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Quarter Master Bureau, Dept. of Texas.
Houston, Feb, 17. 1865

Maj A.H. Hillei. C.S,
San Antonio.

Major-

I am in receipt of your favors of 8.th 11.th 11.th & 16.th Inst with enclosures, & make contents - I will inform Mr. Bailey of the transfer of his permits to R.B. Simms - As I have not heard from him lately about cotton, I suppose his mind is at rest -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tx. Miss.
Houston, Mch 19. 1865

N. H. Faison Esq of.
Lagrange.

Sir.

I have your favor of 14th but I note contents. I learn that Judge Gray has intimated his intention to extend the time for the use of permits, to all those who have actually delivered their Cotton to Govt. Messrs Slack Shaw & Co, may take this for what it is worth. Not being officially notified I cannot guarantee it.

Very truly
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Co

I enclose the endorsed your visit to Houston

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tx. Miss.
Houston, Mch 19. 1865

N. H. Faison Esq of.
La Grange.

Sir,

It will be necessary for you to come to Houston to settle your account in person. As soon, therefore, as you can leave your duties in La Grange, without detriment to the business, you will repair there. I will not detain you long.

Very truly
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Z. Miss.
Houston, March 19. 1865.

Col. J. F. McKinney
Austin, Tex.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 14th inst & note your remarks upon Mr Nicholls' action in seizing or stopping your Cotton and trains at San Antonio.

I regret sincerely that any obstacles are placed in the way of your operations, as I am satisfied that they are being carried out to the best of your ability for the benefit of the Govt. - and that officers should not consult the interest of the Govt by facilitating instead of impeding your movements. But I am powerless to afford you any remedy in this case as Mr Nicholls is not under my orders. I understand that he is acting as Treasury Agent, and authorized that the act you complain of are performed under orders from the Treasury Agency at Marshall. You are aware that the New Regulations, now being enforced, are entirely beyond our Control, & that Genl Gray has exclusive charge of all Govt Cotton operations. I do not see how you can obtain relief without applying to him.

Mr Nicholl has no orders from this Office to interfere with you & I will warrant that no such orders have issued from Col Broadnax.

Very respy your obt
C. C. Hall
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept of the Gulf
Hampton Roads Va. 1865

A. H. Lahm Esq Agt -
Richmond,

Sir -

I have given favorable [illegible] but I make contracts -
I now enclose J. Kaufmann's cert accot corrected.
Trust of the 82 You were perfectly correct in
giving him the Baggot Rate.

I am of the impression that Judge Gray will extend the time for the use of steamers -
I have nothing positive from him yet, but I understand he has intimated that he will extend the time to all planters who have delivered their Cotton to Govt -
I cannot guarantee this but I think it is reliable - I expect to hear more definitely soon -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Halls
Capt A.C.

The "Bancker" will sail next week - She cannot take the Cotton. Few other ships will - I now send you the permit No 4 - in B/C - It is unfortunate there was so long a delay in my letter reaching you, or in your answering it - I do not know which -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss
Houston, Mch 13, 1865

H. R. Pollard Esq
Ridge, Colorado Co.

Sir,

Yr. favor handed me your letter of 11th inst, I as requested I have paid Heine the amount of your certified account. I now enclose Major Hilles permit in your favor for 2 Cotton. Use this at San Antonio or Goliad by May 1st -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Mch 13, 1865 -

J. H. Cunningham Esq P.M.
Port Sullivan

Sir -

I have your favor of 1st inst with accompanying statement - I wrote you yesterday about some little discrepancies - In addition to the papers sent me, I want Bustamente's or Hiles receipt for 113 Bales - the last lot delivered -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. L. Miss.
Honolulu, Hawaii 1865.

Hon. D. H. Gray. Asst Treasury. D.M.D.
Marshall, Texas.

Sir.

I have refrained from addressing you on the subject of an extension of your limit upon the use of Major Hillis' permits, for the reason that you have been sufficiently troubled by other parties with communications of that character. But having learned that probably your most serious objections to the further use of permits, arose from information that permits have been sold by this Office, I feel it incumbent upon me to explain the nature of such transactions, believing that such information as you have already received has created an erroneous impression upon your mind, for want of such statements as would fully and properly place the matter properly before you.

You are aware that the plan of this Cotton Office Hon. Bureau necessitated the issuance of two permits for the same lot of Cotton, one to the Planter or vendor - entitling him to export a like quantity and quality.

And to the Creditor of the Planter - to whom the Cotton was paid entitling him to export the identical Cotton.

To explain, I will state a case which will illustrate the operation - viz:

I buy from John Smith of Grimes County 50 Bales of Cotton, for which I pay him $ 5000. in currency & I receive - and give him a exemption for 50 Bales which he then remaining on hand -

J. H. Rowe being a creditor of the Govt. and holding Govt. Certificate account for $ 4.000 - of cotton value, applied to me for payment, and upon his surrendering to me the account the Planter I pay him the 50 Bales received from Smith, as above, and give him an exemption which entitles him to export it -

Major Wade at San Antonio takes up my two exemptions, and issues the papers to the parties.

The above case is plain and shows the manner in which one acquires and disposes of Cotton. It will explain also the transaction erroneously called the sale of permits - as the following case will show - viz:

J.H. Hawke is a creditor of the Govt. for supplies sold to the Cotton Office amounting to $1000. to be paid to him in 50 Bales of Cotton - our purchases having been all made for Cotton - The Office is not able to pay Mr. Hawke the Cotton - it has not acquired it, and probably cannot do so. and owes him the 50 Bales of Cotton to be covered by a permit. Mr Hawke, is, I am pleased, a Blockade runner, - a merchant - a Cotton dealer - a Speculator. He has acquired with his own funds 100 Bales of Cotton and wishes to export them - His profession & pay his own debt. that is to say, to send to the Cotton Bureau 50 Bales of Cotton, at its regular rated, & receive in pay it back to him on account of his debt, which is due - paying him for the 50 B/C. in Confederate money and taking up his certified account, giving him a permit for the 50 B/C. thus passing between us, and the ordinary & regular pursuit for the like amount of 50 B/Cotton here -

Now it is evident that this transaction with Mr Hawke is precisely the same to the Govt. as if instead of his having the 50 B/C. - Arthur Smith the planter, had had it - I had met him over 50 Miles and I had given him a permit for the other 50 Bales - I would have paid Mr Hawke the 50 Bales in settlement of his open account, and Mr Smith would very probably have with him, or some other merchant,

Les 50 Bales together with the permit.

The transaction is also precisely the same whether Mr Mause has his 100 Bales Cotton in hand, or is a Cotton buyer and acquires it afterwards.

The practical question was to put all the enterprising active business men to work acquiring Cotton on the terms of the Cotton Bureau. making them furnish the means to pay the debts due themselves -

But if you have had the impression that there was any favoritism to this class or loss to the Govt, or departure from the true principles on which the Cotton Bureau was understood to operate - or want of equity in the practice granting these permits in this manner, less than that of the actual production of the Cotton, I cannot but feel assured that it is a mistake, and trust that this explanation will lead to an revision you - If you have been misled by the information that permits have been sold, I trust the foregoing statement will remove the impression, and induce you to afford some relief to those planters who have dealt with us in good faith, whether they are merchants or planters - No gratuitous permits have ever been issued over my signature, or obtained on my authority.

The transactions are all such as herein stated, and have been regular, and in conformity with the regulations provided in Genl. Orders # 86 - May I hope that you will again confirm them, as you did when they were published by Genl Smith, and thus relieve many worthy holders of permits, who must suffer considerable loss unless you allow them to be used -

I would state here, for your information that the transactions I have endeavored to explain by illustration, do not amount in the aggregate to more than 4000 Dollars the permits for the largest portion being already used. The amount remaining unused is small, and no detriment to the service would ensue from their use if you conclude to extend the time.

While on this subject I ask respectfully your attention to the fact that the heavy rains for two months past have made the roads impassible & prevented many pleasure parties using their permits, and that there is not now time to make them available under present limit of May 1st. Painting operations have delayed many, and will delay them until late in the summer. Many of them have not gained their end sought, until the publication of your order of June 12th, they believed that there was no limit upon the use of permits.

These, and many others already known to you, seem to constitute reasons why you should consider favorably the appeals made to you, and conclude to grant a liberal extension of the time.

I have the honor to be,
(very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
H. G. Wells
Capt. & Engr

Coast Survey, Dept. of Navigation
Washington, Feb 18. 1865

Capt. W. H. Bennett U.S.A.
Henderson,

Capt.

I have your favor of 2nd inst & am glad to make that the triangn stations for the Hydrographic Party Books are correct — I regret my inability to supply you with extra Book, Oil on Plotting paper, as I have none, nor have I any prospect of getting any — We are fast becoming "a dead coon in the fish."

Respectfully
Your obt. svt
C. O. Boutelle
Capt & A.C.

Coast Survey Dept. of Navigation
Washington, Feb 18. 1865

E. A. Cronise Esq. Cyl
Cold Spring

Sir,

Please have the enclosed receipt signed "C. O. Boutelle" & exchange the old one to her — The time for old bills has been extended to 30th June — Exchange certificates will pay U.S. Taxes & have plenty of old issue on hand & will pay it out on my certified cyl at 95 for $2 —

Respectfully
Your obt. svt
C. O. Boutelle
Capt & A.C.

Cotton Bureau Treas't So Navi
Houston Nov 18. 1865.

H. Rieley Esq
Provost Marshal
Shreveport La

Sir;

I am in receipt of yours of 17th inst - covering Genl Buchanans order prohibiting the Cotton trade through the enemy's lines - I had previously advised Mr Perkins in accordance with your Telegram, & today I send Copies of that order to Mr Perkins & Mr Nelson.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Treas't So Navi
Houston, Nov 18. 1865.

H. K. Perkins Esq Agt
Matamoras.

Sir,

Some days ago I sent you copy of a Telegram stating that Genl Sheridan had interdicted the trade in Cotton through the enemy's lines - I now send you a copy of Genl Buchanans order on the subject.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Custom House, Collr's Office.
Houston, Feb 18. 1845

G. A. Nelson Esqr
C.S. Coll Lgt K Navasa.

Dear

I have the honor to enclose an order issued by Genl Rusk in obedience to orders from Genl Smith prohibiting the trade in Cotton through the Enemy's lines in Louisiana - It is believed that this restriction will enhance the value of Cotton in Matamoras & Navasa -

Messrs Stewart & Selby & Co, Lanfair, give me no satisfaction with regard to the loss of Jno Baker Coast Master from Schooner "Hope" - They say I must look to the vessel for indemnification but she has been wrecked & a total loss & her owner has not returned to Texas - I am at a loss what to do in the case. Can you advise me?

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. A. Nelson
Collr P.O.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Feb 18. 1865

Capt A. B. Lee A.D.C.
Beaumont,

Capt

Please send a Steamboat & Barge Ferry with the enclosed order for that Cotton - Some of the Cotton belonging to planters, & you will oblige me if you will direct the Capt of the Boat to make the best arrangement he can for the refusing - He had better bring away at once all the Cotton that will bear transportation - Such as you receive please forward to me at once -

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Lt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Feb 18. 1865.

G. B. Bacon Esq
Beaumont Texas

Sir

Please deliver to order of Capt A. B. Lee A.D.C. the Government Cotton in your charge. His receipt on back of this order will make a good voucher for its delivery by you. This order is made by direction of Lt. Col Broadnax, Chief of Cotton Bureau M. D. M. - and in consequence of your communication to him dated Feby 17th -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Lt

Carlton Barracks Dept of Texas
Houston, Feb 18. 1865

Gen. F. Alford Eng &c
Huntsville.

Sir,

I have yours favor of 28th ult. Being fully content. I now enclose you Mrs. Stubblefield's certificate account, cancelled - Amt $2.350 Cts - The time for the issue has been extended 6 hours 30 Ms, & is effectively prohibited today - The Yankees may cut up? Next better, you must receive payment in old issue at the rate of $3 for $1 -

Before you leave please make some arrangements for forwarding the Cotton you have purchased - If you cannot do so by flat Boat, please confer with Mr Bailey at Huntsville who will furnish you with wagon transportation, if the roads render such removal practicable -

I send you your service account on 20 Inst - The disposition seems to gain ground that Judge Gray will extend or remove the limit the law fixed and open the case of permits - His own letters go to prove that he will do so. Nothing can be said in justification of his proceedings and the pressure upon him is so great that he must yield to it & do justice to those parties who have acted in good faith with the Govt Recommend that Cotton -

Very respy your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston. March 18. 1865

P.C. Bethel Esq
Hasson,

Sir

I have your favor of 5th inst and note contents — I will be glad if you will use your most earnest endeavors to gather forward the Govt Cotton in your neighborhood. Of course I will pay such expenses as are necessary in order to get the Cotton in shipping order — but you must be prepared to use the items of the work.

I would like to have Mr Mannings affidavit in duplicate, stating the actual circumstances of the U.S. Cotton at Mr J.A.H. entire resulting from all damage — but this make it as full as the facts will allow, so that I can account for the loss of the Cotton — He can get it again & knows all about it —

Indications go to show that Judge Gray will extend or remove the limit upon the use of permits. I think you can rely upon it. But I know nothing officially as yet —

The time for the use of old Issue has been extended to June 20/65 — The notice is published officially today —

Very truly
Your obt
G.W. Wells
Capt AQ

Cotton Bureau Dept of Hist.
Houston, Feb 18. 1865

Colonel -

I am in receipt of your favors of 2nd & 4th Inst.
I fear I shall not have any samples of Cotton, or even be able
to pay out unless Judge Gray extends or removes the limit on
the sale of permits - I have all guarded the planters against
ever not to deliver cotton their permits are made good to them - I
cannot say they are to blame - The restriction is unjust, and
is a breach of faith on one side justifies like action on the
other the planters are right -

I return your letter as requested - I have only to say that
the Treasury Dept is treating us with a degree of unfairness
which is anything but creditable to them - I wrote them
a letter yesterday - the contents of no consideration and
advised that will do no harm if it does no good -
One thing is certain - the time for use of permits must
be extended, or our agency is at an end - Half the fruits
of our labors will vanish before they can be gathered -
The extension of time for Galveston & Houston, will
afford me some relief, as I have a lot on hand - I think
it would be advantageous to have one here too if it can
be got - You must be the judge, however, whether
it is worth while & send a Detachment for it - The
Postmaster is very anxious & pays his appointments, - The
Soldiers, generally, will be willing to take new issue
for the face of them - a supply of it would be a
great relief to them -

Yrs Truly
The State & County Taxes

can only be paid in vouchers. The Bankers' certificates are not receivable except for Confed Taxes. Therefore the great demand & scarcity of cash of the Bankers for payment in money.

Gave two orders of 9th inst. taking Cotton from Abney & Co. are duly noted. This is a painful proceeding to me, as I may be unable to make the amount good to them out of receipts at this point, as stated before. My only hope of being able to do so, rests upon Judge Gray's action on the permit question. If he fails to relieve us, I am powerless to do anything further in the way of payments.

I enclose Copies of my Report of 9th inst. to Major Mettler. Inspection. As it contains a synopsis, though condensed, statement of the condition & operations of this branch of the Office. I send it Yours for information.

You will note that I have a large quantity of Cotton still to receive provided we are justly dealt with by the Treasury Agents. Also that our coin indebtedness is so greatly reduced that I will have a surplus of Cotton provided I get it.

I find that I cannot get get to work on my Quarterly Reports, owing to the delays consequent upon extended & heavy labor, difficulty of getting reports & vouchers from remote points. If you can do this business again you cannot have too many Officers or Special Agents, each of whom should be accountable, on their own Reports, for the work they do & the property they handle. I am tired & sick and will be glad, I may say very glad, to be relieved.

Yours Truly
Lt Col H. A Broadwell
Shreveport, La

C. E. Kelly
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept of State
Washton. Feb 15. 1865

J. B. Bailey Esq Agt
Huntsville

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th Inst Trade contracts. The reason I sent you a Buggy & Rope receipt for the Bales only for John Hill to sign, is, that I must have a separate receipt to accompany each certified account - and I am now getting up my papers for third Quarter 1864 - I have issued to Jno. Hill 4 Certified accounts, viz:

Sept 17th	30	Bales	less	165	lbs Bagg.	270	lbs Rope
Dec 14th	15	"	"	100	"	120	" "
" 23rd	20	"	"	220	"	280	" "
" 27th	10	"	"	100	"	140	" "
Total				825	lbs Bagg	1110	lbs Rope

The Receipt you sent me calls for 825 " " 0220 " "
leaving unaccounted for 0 lbs Bagg 110 lbs Rope

You will therefore please obtain one of the accounts from him & add the amount unaccounted for, to the amount already deducted I send the acct to me for correction - Then obtain seperate receipts from the Amt of Bagg & Rope & return on each acct, & surrender to him this old receipt -

The Credit receipt I have sent to the Omiss for signature.

When convenient send me statement of the lots of Cotton delivered to H. B Sorley & Co.

I have still some on hand to pay my certified accts with, at the rate of 1 C for 2 - The reason why I am slow in issuing Duty certificates is that Holders of Cert Accts will be slow to take the old Government into exchange certificates or 6% Bonds -

Very respectfully your obt svt
E. C. Wells Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept 2d Miss
Houston, Feb 20. 1865

Ben Stone Esq Gt
Brenham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th inst & make contents.

The 7 Bales Cotton you have selected your contract for as they were delivered by Reig & Co. in January last & do not now belong to the Bureau. Select payment out of the 20 Bales last received, or out of any portion of the last 2 or 3 Bales that may be delivered.

In settling for Sept 473 am Respectfully
Your ob't svt
G. W. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

overpaid yours $ 2.50
Deduct this from Royal account.

Cotton Bureau, Dept 2d Miss.
Houston, Feb 20. 1865

A. S. Redden Esq Col
Savannah.

Sir

I have your favor of 13th inst & make contents. I now enclose you service acct amounting to $187.50 which please sign & return to me. You can draw for $158.25 as stated, this being the balance at your credit.

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
Geo. W. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept of the Navy
Houston, Mch 20. 1865

W. L. Davies Esq Qr
Cotton Agency

Sir.

I have yours favor of 28th Feby & note contents. I hope you will succeed in turning over the Stocks to the rebs Dept.

I must express to you that this Office is powerless to compel recusant contractors to deliver their Cotton. I would suggest to you to use persuasive force rather than threats, as the latter must fail & will result in putting us in worse case than before. My impression is that Judge Bray will soon extend or remove the limit upon the use of permits, & that then the Planters will see their advantage by complying with their contracts. Under the conviction that the Permits will again be valuable I retain yours for the present.

I enclose connected certified accounts. Yours

G. Y. Hatton	6 B/C.	$66.75
Saml. Bonnell	8 "	194.47
J. H. Hatton	10 "	369.57
H. S. Youngblood	8 "	348.80

The latter covers a Buggy & Rope receipt for signature & return.

The time for sale of old issue has been extended to June 30. I can pay my cert. of $ in old issue at the rate of 3 for 2 - if they want it -

Very resply yr obt
G. D. Wells Capt & AQM

Cotton Bureau, Dept' In Miss
Houston, Mch 20. 1865

Col. J. F. McKinney, Supt &c
Austin,

Sir.

I have your favor of 16th inst & note contents. As requested I now enclose Major Hillis' permit No. 17. 0.a.m. favor J. C. Evans for 2824 lbs Cotton, being the deficit in his permit heretofore sent - I think this will relieve him -

Such unofficial information as I get, strengthens my impression that Judge Gray will either grant a liberal extension of the limit upon the use of permits, or possibly remove it altogether - If he does it will facilitate the closing of our business very materially - The Generals dragging style is very unsatisfactory & offers dust a poor prospect of reaching an early or clean settlement -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Supt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Mch 20. 1865

Lt. Gl. Taliaferro Esq Jr
La Grange,

Sir,

I have your favors of 15th & 16th Inst with enclosures & note contents - The Bagging & Rope receipts sent you for signature are required here as vouchers, as I have to have a receipt that corresponds exactly with the certified account - I will return the old receipts to the planters if they desire it, as they are of no use to me whatever,

I can pay my cert off now in old issue at the rate of $1.25 for $2 - as the time for use of old issue has been extended to June 30'65 - & has been published officially - I would be glad if the planters would take it -

As requested I now hand you Maj Wallis' permit No. 16. A.A.G., for J. P. Hall, for 4 Bc 1896 lbs - This will enable him to expend his Cotton - If the original exemption or permit ever turns up I desire it sent to me for cancellation -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & AQ

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston March 20. 1865

J. W. Harris Esq A.A.
Senat Maine.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th last note that you have given the your Bagg & Rope receipts to Maj Cabell - I will have to have Receipts to correspond with my certified accounts - Please therefore send me, signed, all those I have sent to you for signature - as well as any others you may be able to recover -

By first safe opportunity please send me the certified a/cs you took on account to be receipted -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss.
Houston, March 20. 1865

J. J. Cooke Esq A.A.-
Hempstead;

Sir.

I have your favor of 15th inst concerning the Banks' receipt for the C&RR R.R. Bonds. - I suppose it is right to give up the certified account when you get the receipts, as the receipts seem to be conclusive evidence that the delivery is consummated.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Nov 20. 1865

H. H. Johnson Esq Qt.
Richmond,

Sir,

I have your favor of 17th inst, covering Cotton Reports which are correct — Thank you for their exactness.

Unofficial information strengthens my opinion that Judge Gray will extend or remove the limit upon permits, soon —

Very truly
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Houston, Nov 20. 1865 —

E. Ripley Esq
Shreveport.

Dear Sir —

I have yours of 13th inst & am glad to make your package came to hand safely —

Mr. Dailey has rendered payment of interest, & Captain Stocker will soon report collection of your amount —

Hoping your hard work will end in a speedy & satisfactory settlement of the business I am

Yours truly
C. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Z Miss
Houston Mch 20. 1865—

Capt H. L. Lynch. A.A.G.
Brownsville.

Capt.—

I have heard from Mr R. A. Barkley in reference to his 6 B/C — He says that Gilmore et Hands refused to recognize your permit papers — consequently he sold his whole 12 Bales as unexempt — Owing to our present condition he cannot be held legally responsible, & we must let him go — But I must look out for my certified account as I am said being made responsible on my papers for the Cotton — If You have his acct still on hand please send it to me — also A. J. Smith, as I have no doubt his case is the same, though I have not yet heard from him —

His acct &c are as follows.

R. A. Barkley, July 29th 64 12 B/C. Sent me 25% $360.00
A. J. Smith " " " 10 " 5082. 38# 1.40 8.96.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. G. Hill
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss.
Houston, Miss 21. 1865

R. A. Barkley Esq
La Grange.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 16th inst & thank you for making the statement relative to the Cotton transactions with Capt. Lynch - Your account shows a credit balance of duty on the Yazoo & Mr Ellicone - It was his business to act for the benefit of the Government and carry out an arrangement entered into by Capt Lynch -

On July 3rd I issued a certified account in your favor for 6 Bales cotton, Gross 1 3 5 #, $750 00 - If this account has ever been handed to you, please notice it to me to be cancelled - otherwise I will be made responsible for Six Bales of Cotton which I never got -

Your attention will much oblige

Very respy
Yours &c
C. G. Kelly
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Mch 22. 1865

H. H. McClanahan Esq A.A.G.
Jackson Miss.

Sir,

Orders to Messrs Bouldin & Stowell or their agent (300) three hundred Bales Cotton, in Anderson, Leon & Madison Counties, taking their receipts in duplicate, stating lots of Cotton by names of vendors, number of bales, classification & weight.

Send me one of these receipts to enable me to obtain proper vouchers from Major Chas. Russell C.S.A. at San Antonio.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt C.S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Mch 22. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq Pt
Crockett,

Sir.

I have your favors of 13th & 15th inst with enclosures, contents noted -

I now enclose you James McClemore's certified acct. corrected - Amt $2165 - Also. E. H. Cushing & Co's Receipt given J. P. Collins for $60.00 - The balance of your funds remain here subject to your order -

At the request of Mr H. Callahan, Agt for Anderson County, I send you Major Hollis' permit given to Jabez H. Smith for 20 B/C - Also Mr Smith's letter to H. Callahan asking for same - Please deliver to Mr. Smith and J. Boggs Esqr to put up his 40 B/Cotton - receive it from him - receive upon regular Certificate upon which I will make up & forward &c.

You will notice by the papers that the old issue is receivable in exchange for new issue (Mr Sorleys' Certificates until June 1st 1865) If holders of any Cert &c: are willing to receive it from me I can pay it out at $3 per $2 - the Govt rate - Mr Sorleys' Exchange Certificates are receivable for all Confederate Taxes - or for the new 6% Coupon Bonds - on same terms as the new issue - The chance for new issue is now very slim & the parties had better take the old -

Very respy your obt svt
C. G. Hill
Cotton Agt

Custom House, Galveston, Feb 22. 1865

S. W. Harris Esq. Ag.
Sweet House,

Sir,

I have your favor of the 1st inst covering Collas Report. Will notify you if anything further is required.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Pc.

Custom House, Galveston, Feb 22. 1865

F. S. Cooke Esq Ag
Hempstead

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th inst with enclosures. Contents noted.

As requested I enclose certified accounts for

H. H. Browning	4 D/C.	$ 133.20.
J. W. Adams	5 "	193.87
J. Mathews	20 "	781.50
A. B. Stout	10 "	492.

Very respy
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Pc

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tx. Miss.
Houston, Feb 22. 1865

C. H. P. Carenden Esq
Hempd.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th Inst
& note contents -

Please do me the favor to make your affidavit
in duplicate on form enclosed &, and return
the same to me, as I will be unable to
account for the 1 Bale of Cotton unless
the statement of Case is known to - I
have made up the affidavit based upon your
certificate If it requires any alteration please
make it -

Your attention to this matter will relieve
me from some responsibility - as I am now
accountable for the missing Bale & must remain
so until I can show that it was lost through no
fault of mine or ground as Agent. Your
affidavit will do this,

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
G. G. Wolfe
Capt & A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept'l So. States
Houston, Mch 22. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq. Pt-
Port Sullivan,

Dear.

I have your favor of — last & make note regret the delay of H. H. Carr & H.E. Douglass - In these cases - also in S. D. Gaines, I find I have no legal remedy as yet - though I may have soon, & I desire to prosecute myself for it - In Gaines' case, you will please make duplicate affidavits, stating quantity of Bagg & Rope retained by him, - & in any case where the parties who have rec'd permits & can't go! refuse to deliver their Cotton, make due duplicate affidavits & send them to me - With these papers in hand I can show that neither you or myself have wrongfully appropriated our Govt Cotton, even though it is not forthcoming; and as soon as the laws afford us any relief I will make the parties accountable by suit -

The weakness of the Cotton Bureau consists in the fact that it has no legal establishment - Dishonest parties take advantage of this fact to show what rascals they can be.

I think Judge Gray will soon remove the limit he has placed on the use of permits - This may remove the objections H. H. Carr has to fulfilling his Contract -

Do not forget to send me affidavits to cover any missing Cotton on Bagging & Rope.

Very respectfully
Your obt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Ag't

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf
Houston, Feb 22. 1865

S. S. Vedder Esq Cpt.
Sarasota,

Sir,

I send you by tomorrows Train
12 Pkgs - 55 Lbs Manilla Rope - 3031 Lbs
1 Bale India Bagging -
for J. H. McClanahan, Cpt. Parkers Bluff
Anderson County -

Please send it forward at once by one of our detailed men - If you have no one by you to do the hauling, please call on Mr. Bailey for a man & team -

Very respy
Your obt svt
Co. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Feb 23. 1865 -

J. R. Bailey Esq Cpt
Huntsville.

Yes - check 6/6 if necessary -
Keep the matter clear however
Co. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Hardeman's Brigade
care Maj Gen Wharton, Hempstead /

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tr Miss
Houston, Feb 23. 1865

Capt. Jno. S. Hinchfield
A Jml G. Wallers' Dept. T.M.D.

Capt.

The Agent of this Office for Anderson County has filed with me your Certified acct, dated Feb 6. 1865, for John. S. Hutchingson for 35 lbs Rope @ $2 - = $70.00 (Approved by Capt. H. A. McKade, Commdg Wallers' Dept. T.M.D.) - The Rope taken by you was Government property, & could not be sold - As you are aware your Cert. &c. is no voucher to me - Hence I enclose transfer papers for the Rope & request that you will sign the Receipts & return them to me - I will then send you the Certified account, so that you may destroy it -

Your early attention to this matter will oblige me, and save trouble to both of us in our Offices -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston Mch 23. 1865—

Wm Stones Esq &c
Brenham.

Sir—

I have your favors of 20th & — last inst
contents —

I wrote you on 20th last in reference to the shipment
of 4 Bales selected by yourself — requesting you to
select four Bales as the Cotton designated by you
had been already receipted for by King & Co — Please
select Cotton out of the Flewellen lot — As soon as
I get your statement I will forward your permit,
as I do not desire to delay your movements —

I now enclose Certificate acct for R.G. Flewellen
25 B/C ₤ 985 15 — We may possibly deliver
more Cotton at this ~~co~~ I think Judge Gray will
decide to remove the limit upon the use of permits
altogether, — in which case all planters who have con-
-tracted with the Bureau will see the advantage
of complying with their contracts —

Very respy
Your obt svt
A.G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Capt Jn Hus
Houston. Feb 28. 1865

F. B. Bailey Esq Agt.
Hawkinsville.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favors of 16th 16th 20th and Telegram of today - the latter of which I received this morning.

I wrote to Mr Rawlins today in regard to this matters - His letter to me is not creditable to Genius, and I do not reply to the points he has made, as they are entirely untenable I do not call for any discussion - Please hand the enclosed letter to him after reading it -

I have not been furnished with any more new issue. I do not know that I will get any very soon - The prospect is anything but encouraging to holders of certified accounts - But, the time for use of old issue is extended to June 30. 1865, & I can pay any accounts that may be presented, if the parties are willing to receive it, at the rate of $3. for $1 - Mr. Bailey is taking it in at this rate issuing his exchange certificates which call for new issue. I will pay all Confederate Taxes - I think the holders of certified Gs could do well to take this money while they can make it available - as the Confed Taxes for the present year have been doubled, & they now find that they cannot have too large an exchange certificates - In re

almost total absence of <u>currency</u> these certificates are the only means of payment at the disposal of officers in this Dept -

I have telegraphed you that you might break date in order to complete the Lowering to Balt & N.C. but to keep the matter entirely clear - I am anxious not to leave balances on Plantations, as I know from experience that Cotton is very easily lost in that way - You must manage these deliveries to the best advantage, so that we may make a clean winding up in a short time -

I will send you the additional Bagging & Rope receipts for signature as soon as they can be got ready -

I can pay the J.K.S. Gibbs 90 ℔ if it is presented soon - Please notify them to present it - as I may get out of funds - If I do after this warning the non payment will be their own fault -

I do not find that I have ever paid for the fork on 80 ℔ landed by H.M. Gun last November, & for which you have given Settlement a draft - I will pay it when presented -

As a matter of curiosity I enclose Rawlings' letter - Please return it after perusal -

Very truly
Yours
G. G. Vest
Capt & A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Mills
Houston, Feb 23. 1865

Dr. H. A. Rawlings.
Huntsville.

Dear Sir I am in receipt of your favor of the last & note contents —

I regret the delay in payment of your accounts, & deprecate it as much as you can, but I think you will admit, upon reflection, that as a public servant I have no personal interest in the matter beyond that which every good citizen must feel — and that I cannot change the mode of payment dictated by my Superior Officers. I can pay only when money is placed in my hands for the purpose —

As evidence that I was furnished with a small amount of new issue which was applied to payment of accounts for Cotton delivered in July and August last — Many of such accounts still remain unpaid for want of funds —

Upon reference to my papers I find that you have certified accounts as follows:—

Sept 8/64.	Maj Mills' acct —	56 Bales —		$7.007. 50
" 24 "	my acct. each	40	"	1.942.88
" "	"	33	"	1.570. 30
Oct 18,	"	50	"	2415.00
Jan 5,	"	38	"	1.835.40
	Total new issue			$ 14.791.08

Desiring to come to an amicable arrangement with you, & one that may relieve you to some extent, I submit to you the following proposition. As

Being the last that my limited powers and means enable me to offer - viz:
to pay you in new issue £5.000.00
" " " old issue 14.686.6a
at its discount of 33⅓% - or £3 for £2.
making it equal to new issue - or - 9.791.08
Total £ 14.791.08

You are aware that the old issue has been extended, officially, until June 1865. Mr. Darley is taking it in at the above rate, issuing his Exchange certificates for it. These certificates pay the Confederate Govt. & are receivable by Govt for all dues at same value as the new issue - The new issue that I propose to pay you will probably be as much as you require for State & County Taxes.

I trust the above will prove acceptable & if so, will be glad to hear from you, and make the settlement accordingly -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Hall
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 26. 1865

Messrs Saunders & Mathers
(Hachie Station) Sugar Land.

Gentn.

As requested by Mr Mather I ship you by Int RR & Hachie Station;
184 Cts (2 Cases) Manilla Rope
150 yds (5 Pcs) India Bagging -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cap & Qr Mr

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss
Houston, Feb 28. 1865

J. C. Twichell Esq. Qr M -
San Antonio,

Sir,

I have your favor of 27th inst. and note what you say about the 50 Bales Staff Cotton - I have read the inclosures carefully but they do not throw light enough upon the case to enable me to say anything about it - As far as I can see the Cotton seems to be private property, but the fact of its being transported by detailed teamsters gives it color of Govt. property, and warrants you in seeking further information from Col H. Stanley before you release it. Please apply to him for more particulars until you satisfy yourself as to what your course should be.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Qr M

Hanston Feb 23. 1865

John Hollston Esq
Alleyton

Sir,

I have your favor of my last but one contents - Messrs Moore & Sneaker will forward their Abstract to Alleyton by first opportunity -

I have no money on hand now to pay receipts with, but am expecting some & will let you know when I get it - The 'Rugas' bill of $2000. will be taken a Heavy draft upon the Office now -

I do not think it likely I will be able to have Mr. Baldwin's Detail renewed - but I will see what Genl Walker will do - Let me know what work remains to be done in the county so that I can have my certificate & application upon it -

I have not heard anything Officially yet as to Judge Grays movements - but have seen some of the Letters to planters in which he certainly holds out assurances that he will extend the time - I cannot yet say, however, that he will do so, as I do not desire to make myself responsible in any way -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & AC

Louisiana 1865 Cotton Accounts and Receipts Letters

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Mch 28. 1865.

E. C. Sparr Esq A.A.
Millican,

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd inst with enclosures & note contents.

I have changed the A.L. Gardner account into one favor Admiell Bros - (I cannot make it Hasnell Bros A/c for Galveston, as it would put them to the trouble of getting duplicate powers of Attorney to file with each voucher before they could collect it) - Amt Specie $ 118.25 Currency $ 118.25 - I have cancelled the former - Cert. &c. enclosed -

I have altered R.B. Benefield's permit to 4 Bales & as requested, send the Cert &c & permit to B. W. Ware at Millican -

I am glad that none of the Hardy Cotton has turned up at San Antonio - Try to settle with Neely according to contract - When you are sure he will not deliver the Cotton I have given a Cert &c & forward me duplicate affidavits stating the number of Bales he sold to Govt, & that he now refuses to allow it to be removed from this place -

The gth that I sent you, to Brazos Bottom, the Cert &c for Hon H. Hilliard, Barnhill & Chapin, the time for all cases has been extended to June 1st '65 - I can pay it out on my accts, at $3 for $2 - See if the people want take it -

Very nearly yours
C. C. Hall Asst A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Mch 23. 1865

B. H. Knox Esq
Millikens

Sir -

At the request of Agent D.C. Scott, I enclose to you Certified acct. for L.B. Benefiel for 4 Bales Cotton - $ 184 40 & 46 gair Sacks - permit No. 2686 - You owe -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
D.G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept La Miss
Houston, Mch 24. 1865

Capt. T.L. Lynch A.Q.M.
Brownsville

Capt -

Today I took up your certificate in favor of J.J. Cooting Land of Detroit County for One Bale Cotton - I now enclose Blank transfer papers of the same which you will please fill up with the name of the Officer who received the Cotton, & obtain his signature to the Receipts, so that I may have a voucher for the Cotton -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
D.G. Wells
Capt & Q.

I enclose Copy of your certificate.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Mch 24. 1865

Lt. Col: John Reagan, Asst.
Richmond,

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th last with enclosures - The money is laid aside for you for the accounts of Keller & Mrs Crouse - I now enclose Maj Hillis' permit for Mrs E. A. Crouse, No. 21. C & M for 5 B/C - Also the statement of Bagg & Rape charged to P. Vogel on sundry accounts -

You had the Bagg & Rape receipts signed in the wrong place - I will try to make them pass as they are, however,

As your Trans-Mississippi seem, the old issue has been extended until June 30 '65 - I can pay it out at the rate of $3 for $2 - Mr Conley receives it at same rate & issues his Exchange certificates for it - I will be glad to pay any of my accounts that may be presented, as I have old issue still on hand - Mr Conleys certificates for new issue will pay Confed Taxes & are receivable also for the non taxable 6% Bonds - They will not pay State Taxes - I do not know when to look for any more new issue -

Very respectfully
Your ob't serv't
C. C. Shelby
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept La Miss
Houston, Mch 24. 1865

Capt A. C. Ransom A.A.G.
San Antonio, Texas

Captain,

I am in receipt of Mr Baker's letter of 19th inst in reference to drafts on Mr Sorley for $ to pay Bacon to liquidate indebtedness of Maj. S. North. Mr Sorley requires your endorsement, & has enough Bacon to meet the drafts - Hence I await your return & remittance -

The 35 Bales Cotton rec'd from Beaumont were used last summer under the impression that the Cotton was part of a shipment made by Capt Broadwell to me - When I discovered the error I mailed transfer papers to Maj North, wishing to do my part towards enabling him to account for it - The resources of this office are entirely cut off by the action of the Treasury Agency. I would be glad to have you invoice the Cotton to me, as it will not be in my power to return it - I have acted with Kenedy Stillman & King by giving them Cotton at Sabinetown -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Mobs.
Houston, Mch 24. 1865.

J. H. Cunningham Esq A.A.
Port Sullivan.

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst with enclosures. In regard to H. P. Perkins' 8 Bales, I would suggest that Mrs Perkins wait & see whether Judge Gray does not soon extend the limit - in which case it would be to her advantage to deliver the Cotton. I will hold the papers in abeyance until it is decided whether the permit will be good or not. From all I can hear, unofficially, I feel tolerably confident that Judge Gray will extend the time for their use.

I do not think it is necessary to advertise the last E. W. Cow permit. If you wish to procure a duplicate, mail your affidavit to Major Wellie at San Antonio. I have made the request at least of the affidavit. so that you will have no difficulty in obtaining the permit if you wish it.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
A. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston, Feb 24. 1865

Ben. Stamps Esq Pk
Brookshire,

Sir,

I have your favor of 22nd but fail to make the reasons why you cannot select any other Cotton in payment of your acct, but the 7 Bales already designated by you - Messrs King & Co have already receipted to me for the Cotton and your hands and it is not in my power to divert any portion of it from there - I must therefore pay your acct in money, and in a few days I expect to be able to do so - I think you may draw on me in about ten days for the amount -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
G. G. Wells
Asst Q.M.

P.S.
You must deduct the $25.00 from your draft, as I am personally accountable for any deficiency in my papers - The discovered fraud in your last account and the basis of all our settlements with other parties at that date, is in accordance with orders from my superiors -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Gr Miss
Meridian, Feb 24. 1865

G. G. Mitchell Esq Capt
San Antonio.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th inst. containing further grantedlans about the Hoyt Contract - I must again say that you seem to have good cause for holding the Contract - as it is not at all clear yet that Mr Hoyt has any claim upon the Contract, such as he has. He has not acted in such perfect good faith as would warrant you in releasing it to him - I would suggest to you to require from Col McKinney a personal guarantee that the Contract will go to the benefit of the Govt, before you release it - I issued my exemption upon Col McKinneys' Certificate that he had rec'd 50 Bales for Govt. from Mr Hoyt - Of course I have no personal knowledge of the fact, but rely upon him as I do upon the regular agents of the Office - His Agency is materially different from the others - was created by Cab. Minister for special purposes & is only acting now because confirmed by Col Robert E - I look to Col. McKinney to account for all he has done, and expect to make supplemental statements for his transactions - Never this guarantee to agree in any case ought be required as a certificate absolves from responsibility -

Respectfully your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Z Reis,
Houston, Feb 24. 1865

Agent,

I have the honor to enclose my Abstract No 3. of Permits, in duplicate, accompanied by margins No. 18 to 22 - also by the following exemptions.

(No. 18 - Cancelled permit g'an A. L. Gardner 4 B/C.)
No. 1492 Jany 1865 - A.G. Seeley 14 B/C.
" 404 Sept 30 64 - W. R. Pollard 6 "
" 1122 Jany 1865 " J. P. Hall 4 "
" 1805/2 " 18 " J. C. Evans 2624 lbs Cotton
" 385/2 " 24 " L. H. Zacharie 4 B/C
" 1496 " 31 " Jno. L Smith 20 "
" 405 " " " J. W. H. Flanahan 7 "
" 201 Sept 8 64 - Mrs E. A. Cowan 5 "
" 1494 Jany 31 65 - K. O'Connell 24 "

I trust I am almost through this part of our business - Tens of the written exemptions have been lying in the owners hands for Six months, and may almost deemed to lose them, but I believe it to be good policy to facilitate those parties who have sustained us, I have them from loss if possible,

Respectfully
Your obt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Major N. H. Hillis A.A.G.
San Antonio,
Texas

Cotton Bureau Dept. Gr. Miss.
Houston, Feb 25. 1865

H. P. Bailey Esq Qr.
Huntsville.

Dear Sir-
I enclose Bagging & Rope receipt as follows for signature!

Henry Beachamp	154 yds -	168 lbs
Benj. H. Burden	110 "	120 "
Aaron Nightower	39 "	44 "
Robt. B. Bristal	132 "	144 "
James Gillaspie	198 "	262 "
Robt. J. Robinson	116 "	168 "
J. H. Hynes	39 "	42 "
S. H. Jenkins	60 "	114 "
Jno. L. Cleveland	208 "	288 "
L. G. Cleveland	100 "	162 "
B. Campbell	94 "	136 "
J. C. Smith	114 "	175 "
H. A. Rawlings	245 "	300 "
John Rodgers	100 "	115 "
J. H. Powell	165 "	180 "
F. Campbell	121 "	154 "
E. A. Hynes	165 "	310 "
J. H. Hynes	221 "	294 "
J. A. Stewardson	191 "	270 "
E. A. Hynes	307 "	385 "
W. A. Hynes	225 "	260 "
F. F. Harten	220 "	240 "
F. D. Cunningham	22 "	26 "
	42 "	68 "

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

(Copy)

#952-

San Antonio, Texas
March 20. 1865—

Capt. C. G. Wells A.Q.M.
Houston, Texas

Captain;

I have yours of 15th inst enclosing your duplicate exemption No. 816 for 35 B/C, favor of Dr. J. Beall. I have already issued a permit (No. 2605) on the original exemption, and forwarded the same to Lt. J.D. Beall, Son of the Doctor, and he has no doubt received it before this time - I will however preserve this rights by issuing a duplicate in case the original is not received.

No. 2605 forwarded to Lt. J.D. Beall
Dany 20. 1865—

Very respy
Your obt svt
(sgd) A.N. Waldie,
Maj & Q.M.

Respectfully forwarded to Dr. Beall for his information - If the permit has not been received, a duplicate can be obtained by application to Maj. Waldie.

C.G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Houston March 25. 1865—

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, Mch 29. 1865

F. A. Cooke Esq A.A.-
Hempstead,

Sir.

I have your favor of 24th Inst Inviting contents - If you find that F. S. Smith Holds papers for more Cotton than he has delivered please have the excess returned so that it may be rectified here -

I sent you the certified account from B. E. Roach on 14th Inst - I cannot make up the Paul Goodlow accounts until you send me the actual weights - Your applicants names only an estimated weight -

I am glad to hear that the 2d Bales R. R. found Cotton has at last arrived at San Antonio & been turned over to Mr Mitchell.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. O. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Neis
Houston, Texas 29. 1865

Z. Bonnett Esq Agt -
Harlie.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst under contents - I wish your Permits were so in elegance for a short time as I trust Judge Gray will soon extend the time for their use - when they will again be valuable to you -

I return you for signature Bagg & Rope receipts

W. L. Bennett.	220 yds.	294 lbs	x
do	330 ,	370 ,	x
W. L. Haug -	205 ,	1174 ,	c

In Bennetts case you already have certified a cot calling for the smaller amount of Bagging - Return that to me for alteration & get the larger receipt signed - If you cannot return the certified a/c, there with the smaller receipt signed, & return it to me - In all cases the Receipts must correspond with the Certified a/c -

In Haugs case the 14 Bales Cotton was rec'd by you on Sept 27. 64 - & shipped by you to Eagle Pass check at San Antonio - The certified a/c has been addressed to Haug - This cannot be the same bale referred to by you as having been sold to Kallebrun & by him sold to Neal -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W. G. Hill
Capt &c

Cont P. Dargan.
Augusta

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ft. Miss.
Houston, Miss 29. 1866

H. McConnell Esq.
Comsy. Talapoosa Co.

Sir-

I have your favor of 26th Inst. Made contents - I now enclose Major Hillier permit No. 32 can in your favor for 24 Bales, 12.000 ~~lbs~~ Cotton, as requested -

I have also sent to Lt. Adriance at Columbia Care P. Dargan Augusta, Ga your
10 Pcs India Bagging - 200 yds
4 Coils Manila Rope 336 lbs -
I wrote Lt. N. H. Masterson to call on Mr Dargan & A. D. Rugeley, & receive the 24 Bls Cotton -

I cannot give the certified account in your favor until I know the exact weight & classification of the Cotton you have over - Let me know this, by sending me the Masterson's receipt or bill against him -

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C G Memminger
Capt & A.Q.

Let the Adriance
Steam Boat Number 6
forward your Bagging & Rope -

Cotton Bureau Dept. 2. Miss.
Houston Nov 29. 1865 -

H. E. Hauserman Esq &c
Brazoria.

Sir -

I have your favor of 26th inst, & have been to receive your requests -
I have a letter from H. A Conner telling me he is ready to turn over 24 Bs Cotton. Please call on P. Bergan, who will give you the Cotton through F. S. Ridgely -
I have sent to H Conner this permit for 24 Bales - also a lot of Bagging & Rope (enough) to Drisdale -
Please let me know, by sending me your certificate, the weight & classification of the 24 Bales, as soon as possible, so that I may make up the certified account -
When the Cotton is received please turn it over to King & Co, yourself - H Conner & Gentlemanly desires that Mr Gibson have nothing to do with the Cotton, & I will do no harm to comply with his wishes -
Please get in hand all the Cotton still outstanding in Brazoria County - fill the orders in favor of R & R. G. Hill - & turn over the remainder to King & Co, and send or bring me a statement -

Respectfully your obt svt
C. C. Hill
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept/ Gulf
Vicksburg, Miss. Feb 23. 1865

Hon Adriance Esq.
Cincinnati.

Sir-

I shipped you this morning
per H. Arkansas,
one P Keegan Bagging
10 Rds India Bagging 2 bags
1 Coil Manila Rope 206 lbs -
which please forward as per mark
receive instructions from Mr Keegan.

Very truly
U. Grant
C. C. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cincinnati Public Library

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Mass.
Houston, Mch 29. 1865

E. Ripley Esq
Chief Q.M.
Shreveport.

Sir,

I have given Capt Q.M. Hutchinson an order for 640 Bales of Cotton, now at Millican, Brazos Co. Texas, belonging to Messrs Moore & Smaden, and have directed him to turn over to you, all the Cotton he may receive from Messrs Moore & Smaden, and to give you a receipt for the same.

Messrs Moore & Smaden have delivered at Millican 300 Bales of Cotton, and have 340 Bales more, which they will deliver to you, as soon as you can send transportation for it.

Please give Capt Hutchinson an order on the Quartermaster at Houston, for transportation for the 640 Bales of Cotton, and direct him to report to you, at Shreveport, with the Cotton, as soon as he receives it.

Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt

* 300 Bales for R. K. Pearce
140 " " Moore & Smaden 1st trip
100 " " " 2nd "
640

Cotton Bureau Rebel Gn Miss
Houston Mch 28. 1865

A.W. Harris Esq. Agt.
Sweet Home,

Sir,

I enclose a statement from Mr Posey, calling for explanation on certain points not named in your Cotton report - viz:

Mr Bennett 4 Bales 16 B/C - H. B. Whitfield 1 B/C I am accountable for - the Riley Henry 3 B/C, I hold your certificate for - What was done with the 20 Bales comprised in these lots -

You have never sent certificate for J. Stevens 5 B/C, please do so -

Return me Mr. Dickerson's certified a/c, so that I may change it from 7 Bales to 6 Bales same weight.

Send me Bills of lading to enable me to get receipts for all the Cotton you have shipped - I still lack B/L. for 66 Bales -

Out of what lot did you pay Whitfield 1 B/C,

I would be glad if you would make up a new report embracing all these particulars - I am not dissatisfied because I think your matters are not correct - but because I must know something straight & plain myself, and I cannot do so unless you furnish me with the information -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. E. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Confd. St. Miss.
Houston, Mch 28. 1865

H. L. Coates Esq &c
Memphis Tenn.

Sir.

I have your favour of 25th last ult. con-
-tents.

As requested I now enclose certified accts for

M. A. Knabe	20 Bales	$ 903.95.
D. C. Preston	14 "	681.95.

I received only 21 Bales from you yesterday-
As you do not send me the weight of Mr. H. Browning's
Bales I cannot send you this certified account-
I have your certificates on hand in this form
for 36 Bales, viz:

4°. by for 4 Bales 2252 lbs 4°. by - 20 Bales 10.192 lbs
" 65 " 17 " 3490. " 58 - 49 " 20.000 "

When any lot is delivered please let me know
which certificate to apply it to -

Please advise me to which lots the 21
Bales, rec'd. yesterday, belong, & how much to
each -

You can deliver the permits you hold, whenever
you are reasonably satisfied that the Govt.
gets or will soon get the Cotton - Assist
the parties to make them useful & themselves
as much as you can consistently with safety.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
E. G. Heck
Capt & AQ

Custom House Boston Collr's Office
Boston, Nov 27. 1845

F. A. Deane Esq P.M.
Haverhill

Sir.

I have your favor of 25th Inst Invoice Contents -

You do not require any additional receipts from Coal Porters, provided the deficiencies of Cartmen correspond with the receipts already given - If they differ however, you should report the discrepancy -

I would suggest to you to keep a debit & credit account of the Cartmen's deliveries & your receipts as now given you - Start to day - Credit them now with the receipts, and, as you deliver Cartmen to Duty, debit them with such Cart as it corresponds with the opposite receipt - When you finish deliveries I would be glad to have a copy of this memo. account, as it would enable me to have an exact settlement with Hay & Co.

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
C. B. Hall
Coll P.O

If you come to get up your monthly report of deliveries & receipts on this way it would greatly facilitate matters - You report Cheese and Bbls del'd. to Porter, but of course it is not all actually delivered -

Cotton Bureau Dept of Mississ
Houston, Feb 28. 1865

S. S. Vedder Esq Agt
Manassas,

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th inst & note contents - I have paid your Agt Gaston H. K. Holmes for 144.50
also one previously given him for 42.00
Agts for S. B. Southwick, as advised
vie your previous letters -

I have rec'd from you 36 B/C from Capt Bennett - Also the 25 B/C from Capt Black & H. K. White - as advised -

I now inclose you an order on C. R. Brackenridge, Railroad Agent, to refund you the $18.50 you paid as freight on Mr. Callahans Bagging & Rope - You must not pay freight and any Govt property shipped you from this Office -

Mr Holmes does not seem willing to take the Bagging & Rope to Pembens' Bluff - It is only proper to offer him 1/2 rates for back freight, but if you find it necessary you may offer the full rate - 1/2 -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Houston, Feb 29. 1856.

Dear Kitty.

I have yours of 26th but wrote contents. I do not know positively that the time for use of permits has been extended - I heard through Mr Wade & others that it would be, but it has not been published yet, and I would not rely absolutely upon it until Judge Long publishes the order.

I do not think J.B. Power is coming to stay. I have heard nothing further since I wrote you. But will let you know when I do.

My understanding about the 6% Bonds is that they are [illegible] 5% Bonds - the interest is payable on Coupons. Am in Comptroller money - The Bonds themselves are not receivable for Taxes -

There have been no arrivals at Galveston for 20 days, consequently there is no news from abroad. I doubt very much whether Mr P will come at all although he has written to your brother Charles that he would.

Very truly yours
Gen. C. G. Yelly

Mrs Power.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. In Miss
Houston, Miss Sep. 1866

Capt H. A. D. Lee A.D.C.
Present,

Captain -

Messrs King & Co. find it necessary to send 24 Bales Rope to Pulaski, from the purpose of repairing Cotton which has been paid to them by this Office - Please give them room for it on the "Hang Hill" - and on the arrival of Steamer there shall there to get it & 2 Bales Bagging, and them to Pulaski.

These gentlemen are entitled, under their Contract, to use the facilities the Govt. can afford - they praying for the service you do them -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Ca E. Wells
Capt & A.D.C.

Custom House Bureau Dept. Int. Revs.
Houston, March 29. 1865

H. H. Raisne Esq Agt.
La Grange,

Sir

I have your favor of 23d Inst. Vouchers contents. I now send your corrected permit favor H. H. Hajne 15 B/C. 8039 Lbs. - also your informal certificate in his favor - Also certified account for same $ 199.84 -

As Mr. H. H. Williams has gone off with his Cotton to San Antonio, I write to day to Capt Swichcer to try to stop it - I would be glad to know whether he accepts the permit, or not -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
W. E. Wells
Collector

Assistant Bureau Supt 2nd Dist
Houston, Mch 29. 1865

J. G. Swisher Esq Supt
San Antonio.

Sir.

Mr. H. H. Williams of La Grange, Fayette County, having called at this Office in Bellaire and required Bagging & Rope for 22 Bales, has refused to comply with his Contract, and has gone to San Antonio with the whole 22 Bales. I am not informed whether he has used the Permit for 12 Bales which I obtained for him. In any event I think the Govt has a claim against the Cotton, as he has used the Bagging & Rope. Please see if it cannot be secured to Government. I have no other instructions to advise, as I do not exactly understand what our legal rights are in the premises.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
J. G. Wells
Asst Supt

Custom House Department of the Interior
Houston, Feb 29. 1868

J. G. Masterson Esq Agt
Brazoria,

Sir,

On August last I sent to Columbia, to you for use by D. Sts. U.S. A. Bonds, six receiving Dresses & Fire Hands, the following tools,

6 Handsaw files	6 Augers
1 Cross Cut Saw	6 Chisels
6 Axes	1 Packing Box -

These tools are to be returned - As the Yeartis are now through their work for this Office, please call on them and receive the tools and forward them to me.

Your early attention will oblige me, as well as relieve me of some responsibility.

Very respy
Your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 29. 1865

Major R. H. Jones C.S.
Hace.

Major - I have consignment of 22 M. last inste contents,
I now enclose transfer papers viz:
182 B/Cotton shipped you by J. Hand Cpt
49 " " " " H H Clanahan Cpt -
Please insert the weight, and returne me the receipts signed at your earliest convenience -
As soon as you learn the amount received by you from Lt. Stone, Cpt, for which I am accountable, please advise me & I will send you transfer papers of same -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Statement of Certified accounts issued to J. G. Banks -

Date -	Bales	Belonging to	where	amount -	
Augt 29/64 -	12 x	B. Stones Cpt -	Brenham	995.08	Paid
" 30 -	8 x	do	do	109.67	Paid
Sept 2 -	14	do	do	1521.19	Paid
Augt 31 -	21 -	S. D. Barte Cpt -	Hempstead	2191.07	✓
Nov 14 "	18 -	do	do	1614.55	✓
Oct 8 "	19 -	J. J. Cooke Cpt.	Chappell Hill	2.082.65	✓
" 18 "	20 -	W. Baisen Cpt.	Bayette Co	1402.47	✓

x Paid to A. C. Baker = $995.08 $109.67

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Feb 29. 1865

J. G. Banks Esq
Fayetteville

Sir -

I am in receipt of yours favor of 27th last & note contents - I can pay the accounts for $1875 of the issue - but you must sign it first, as no one can write it for you - I have not received funds yet to pay the other accounts, except with old issue at $3 for $2 - If you have Confederate Taxes to pay, you can get the Sunday certificate for this at the same rate I pay it out - If you conclude to take it, please sign all the accounts I send them down - In regard the issue for Augt 31. and ($1875) I have laid it aside until I hear from you, but trust that you will send for it soon -

In answer to yours inquiring about the certified accts for 34 Bales delivered to R. Stones at Brenham, I find that the following accounts have been issued - viz!

Augt 24 -	12 Bales	$995.08 -	Paid to A.R. Baker	
" 30	8 "	109.67 -	" "	do
Sept 2	14 "	1021.19 -	not yet paid -	

The latter account I sent to Bro. Stones on Sept 9th 1864. by mail - Please see if you received it from them - If you get it & send it down signed I will pay it also in the old issue - See Mr. Baker (of Chappell Hill) about the two accounts I paid to him -

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Texas
Houston, Feb 29. 1865

J. Bartlett Esq Cpt
Harlow,

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd inst before me and have endorsed your Cotton statement made up as far as the papers in my office show - Make such additions & corrections as you see that it requires & return it to me complete -

I think the H. Kellebrew 18 Bales, 7665 lbs, is the same lot you sent about as H. H. Hargis - It was reported by certificate on Dec 12 '64. but no lot of 15 for Hargis has been reported -

Your Bills of Lading in this office are for only 342 Bales - You show 357 shipped - being a discrepancy of 15 Bales - Please send the other B/L with your report -

Please show also what amount of Cotton is remaining on hand - designating the lots, and stating where located -

I think this will not give you much trouble, & your early compliance will oblige me -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & C

Custom House Collr's Office
Natchez March 29. 1865

G. B. Burr Esq
Provost Marshal
Provost Guard La.

Sir -

Please deliver to Messrs King & Co. all the Government Cotton in your charge, on your receipt of your letter & endorsement of Lt. Col. Broadwell Chief of Bureau, hereto attached -

Their receipt or that of their duly authorized Agent will be a good voucher to you for the delivery of the Cotton.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Collr &c.

Estate Bureau, Dept Te Mais
Houston, Feb 20. 1865

Col. E. H. Boulden,
care Hy Rhett, Shreveport, La,
Dear Sir.

I have yours favor of 20th inst - and have forwarded your letters to Natchitoches by mail, there being no carriers to that place, and the mail being quite irregular at that between Shreveport and here -

Col. Hutchins' last advices from Mr Perkins are that he had the Cotton & funds to pay your claims in full as soon as presented - We have not heard yet that it has been paid, nor have I heard anything of the Hemilies, but I have no doubt the matter is settled to his satisfaction -

Very Respt
Your obt svt
E. Kirby
Capt &c

Estate Bureau Dept Te. Mais.
Houston, Feb 20. 1865

E. Kirby Esq. Asst. Agt.
Shreveport, La.

Sir,

I have your favor of 22nd inst & note contents - Our Mr Hutchins left here Dec. 1st & carried with him accounts & statements of any & all claims, including outstanding indebtedness - Please see if anything else is required, & advise me.

Respectfully your obt svt
E. E. Kirby
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 20. 1865

Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell,
Shreveport, La,

Colonel -

I have your favor of 20th inst. & note instructions with respect to the 42 at Lamache - The only diversion of Cotton from Mr. Bustamente, is in the case of Brazos County - You will recollect that I had strict orders from you to apply this Cotton to payment of Bauldie Riggs & Walker - and I gave the order accordingly - But in January last, during sight of B.R.& H. claim, and anxious to make up to Mr. Bustamente the full amount of his Cotton, I gave him an order on the same County - In a few days my attention was called to my error, & I took pains to rectify it by directing all the Brazos C. Cotton sent to Mr. Perkins to be applied to the B.R.& H. claim -

As it is probable that Mr Perkins will pay the latter claim before he receives any of the Brazos C. Cotton, I suggest that you direct Mr. P. to hold the Cotton when it arrives subject to Bustamente's order - Bustamente can, by refunding the freight to paid, make such a delivery equal to a delivery in the County - Mr Perkins will probably require an order from me, or I could issue it myself -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
Wm. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

I regret to hear of your illness, & trust you are not much inconvenienced -

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Feb 3a 1865

Lt. H. A. Rawlings,
Huntsville

Sir,

I have your favor of 25th inst, and thank you for your courtesy - I have settled with Mr. Smith on the basis you proposed - If you have not already done so, please direct the 18 Bales at Navasota to be forwarded -

I am glad, Lt, that our matters have been satisfactorily arranged, as it would have been a source of lasting regret to me if our business relations had had any other conclusion than an amicable one -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. T. Hall
Cotton Ag

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston Feb 3a 1865

Capt. Jno S. Kirkfield AQM,
Walker's Regt, Wardlaw's Brigade,
Thornton's Consolg Corps -
Millican, Texas,

Captain -

I have your favor of 27th inst. covering your Official Receipts for 35 Bales Cotton - I am glad you are satisfied account so. John S. Hutchinson, Feb 5th - 65 -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. T. Hall
Cotton Ag

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ju. Miss.
Houston, Mch 20. 1865.

W. G. Hilkins Esq
Brenham.

Sir,

I herewith favor of 27th inst. with enclosure, & as requested now hand you Major Hollis' permit for 28. C.C.W., in your favor for 6 Bales, 2819 lbs Cotton, in lieu of the appropriation for. of H. H. McCutcheon -

Respectfully,
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ju. Miss.
Houston, Mch 20. 1865

John C. Robb Esq
San Augustine,

Sir.

I herewith favor of Relay (3) 4th inst with to make such Disposition as will probably fail to carry out the contract for the delivery of the Cotton - I trust he will not require it altogether, as a few weeks may enable him to go to work again with the negroes, and the River will still be in boating order.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss
Houston, Mch 30. 1865

S. W. Blount Esq.
San Augustine, Texas.

Sir-

I have your favor of 18th inst and am glad to know you have the Cotton nearly ready. I regret to add that the quantity of Cotton at Pendleton's Crossings falls so much short. Unless the quantity (of 344 Bales) is made up at the other places, I must ask you to make duplicate affidavits of the deficiency so as to enable me to make reclamation on the grantor from whom it was purchased.

I send you from Beaumont, by Steamboat 2 Coils Manilla Rope. 165 lbs. Please get up all the Cotton you can so as to bring it all away at one trip.

You say that the Yeoman presented one coil of Rope. Please obtain a memorandum receipt from the party who took the rope (stating the weight &c) & transmit from them what Officer he is acting for, so that I may obtain an official receipt for it -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.C.

Houston Feb 27. 1865

Lt. Col. Broadwell
Shreveport, La.

The Edmunds contract is in Major Russells' hands - I write them today to forward it - I send you by mail the only papers I have relating to it -

C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Office Bureau Asst Q. M. Gen'l
Houston, Feb 27. 1865

Major -

Col. Broadwell has telegraphed me to send him the Quartermaster (Edmunds) Magnolia contract - As I have no copy of it here I have telegraphed him I would write to you asking you to forward it to him - Please do so at your earliest convenience, as it seems to be important to have it at Shreveport as early as possible -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Major Chas. Russell Q.M.
San Antonio, Texas.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Feb 21. 1865

Major H. P. Bee Jr
Rio Grande City.

Major.

I have your favor of 16th inst. and as requested now send you transfers papers for 44 Bales cotton received by you at Rio Grande City.

The 6 3/8 Bales which you reported twice in Nov. last, were made right by deduction from another invoice as you will see by referring to my invoices in your possession.

Please send me a tabular statement of all the Cotton that you have received from Jesse Tilmans, Agent at Laredo. also H. Kidwell late Agent at Rio Grande City. with all the data you can ascertain concerning it. I am responsible for a considerable amount of Cotton which went into their hands, and for which I have no receipts. Please do what you can to enable me to get vouchers.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Stiles
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tx. Miss.
Houston, March 27, 1865

Colonel,

I have your telegram of this date & have replied to same by telegraph — I have not the Edmunds contract on file here, but have written to Maj Russell to day to forward it to you from New Orleans.

I now enclose copies of the only papers I have relating to the contract — Mr. Buchanan has a copy of the contract with him — His copy is the only one I have ever seen.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt
G. B. Wells
Capt & AQ

Lt. Col. H. A. Brandreth
Surveyor,
&c.
Houston, Tex

Houston, Tex March 30. 1865

Dear Sir.

I am disgusted at not being able to respond any sooner to your Despatch of the 27th Inst. Maj. Rusk promised it very often, but this morning does not seem to respond —

What do you propose to do with me when I get through? I am in no hurry — but I want to be respected, in some way, hereafter —

I trust my reports will furnish you with the data you require — They may be relied upon as showing the true state of the case —

Very truly yours
G. B. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept. Ft Kiowa
Houston, Texas Jan 31. 1866

Major R. H. Lewis, C. S.,
Waco.

Major.

Since writing you last I have seen Mr. E. Stone, Agt. for Anastone County -
I now enclose statement of his Cotton matters, which please look into. I also send transfer papers - If you find all satisfactory please sign the receipts & return them to me.

By comparing the names of the different parties with the certificates in your possession, I think you will find that you have not made your certificates for any portion of the 345 Bales which I claim. I am not responsible for any portion of the 289 Bales, as the certificates have never been presented to me.

Mr Stone says he never issued any certificates for Navarro County - As a seperate Agent was appointed there, by you -

Respectfully
Your ob't serv't
C. C. C[illegible]
Capt. C. S.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, Feb 21. 1865 —

Capt. H. H. Barnet, agent
Henderson Texas

Captain —

I enclose transfers papers of 46 Bls Cotton — also memorandum receipt of J. J. Coleman, Agent showing numbers of Bales & weights — being four Cotton for which my certified accts have been issued — Please return me your Receipts, signed, also your earliest convenience —

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Co. C. Wells
Capt & Asst

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Feb 21 1865

H. H. Jaisen Esq Agt
La Grange,

Sir —

I have on hand your certificates nos
84 - Aug 26 64 J. H. Davis 10 Bls
46 Sept 2. J. H. Robison 8 "
not settled yet — Please let me know the quantity of Bagging & Rope to be charged to each — & send me the Bagg & Rope receipts if possible, so that I may issue the certified accounts.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 21. 1865—

John H. Penny Esq
Tallahassa,

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst - & request I send to Mr. Vidder 6 day $35 by Express - Also by mail the account for your signature -

Respectfully
Yours &c
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Feb 21. 1865—

J. S. Vedder Esq Agt
Tarascota

Dear -

I have your favor of 20th inst & note contents. On Feb 12th I advised you myself of the Bagging & Rope shipment to Mr. H. C. Lanahan. I am glad you succeeded in getting it away -

I now enclose freight account for Mrs. H. Penny $35 also Express receipt for the money, sent to-day - Please get them to sign the vouchers, & return them to me.

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tx Miss
Houston April 1. 1865

Capt Wm Cooke A.G.M.
Brenham.

Captain,

I have your favor of 28th Ult in reference to detail of Mr. Faison -
It is impossible to say when he will be through his business for this Office, as circumstances have delayed his operations lately and may continue to do so -

If you choose to apply for him at once I have no objection, provided it is understood and agreed by you that he shall be allowed to devote as much time to the winding up of the Bureau business as may be necessary, and that his new engagement with you shall not prevent the fulfilment of his engagements with me - I do not believe that the old business will require much of his time, and I think he could manage both with ease - He should however, be consulted before you make any move in the matter -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.

Copy

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, April 6. 1865

W. H. Hamyd Esq Jr.
Jasper, Texas.

Sir.

Deliver to Messrs King & Co. or order (33) Thirty three Bales Cotton. being the lot pur-chased in June 1864 of L. B. Hood, for a/c. of C. S. Govt.

Very respectfully
Geo. E. Hells
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, April 6. 1865

Dr. Paul Carrington.
Madison, Polk Co.

Sir,

Deliver to Messrs King & Co. or order (116) One hundred and sixteen Bales Cotton, purchased of you for C.S. Govt.

Very respectfully
Geo. E. Hells
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, April 6. 1865

L. B. Hood Esq Jr.
Madison, Polk Co.

Sir.

Deliver to Messrs King & Co. or order (101) One hundred and one Bales Cotton, purchased of you for C.S. Govt.

Very respectfully
Geo. E. Hells
Capt & A.D.C.

Cotton Bureau Capt. Z. Kelly.
Houston, April 6. 1865—

General,

I have the honor to request the detail of
Private J. R. Stennett - of Capt Lindsey's Co.
Hernando Batty Harris Co. Reserves.
His services are necessary to superintend the
weighing & casing of the Government Cotton
received at this Depot — He has been
constantly employed at this work since the
organization of the Depot Cotton Office
and has been faithful and has been
conscientiously in the discharge of his duty
during the whole time — He is unfit for
service in the field, and can render more
valuable service in his present position than
in any other.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Kelly
Capt & Asst

Brig Gen W. B. Robertson,
Commdg Reserves, State of Texas,
Brenham, Texas—

Through Capt Lindsey
Maj Hannard A.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tr Miss
Houston, April 3. 1865

S. A. Miller Esq. Pt
Crockett.

Sir.

I have your favor of 28th ult. and note contents. I now enclose you corrected cert a/c S. P. Jones. $442.96 - & I have changed the Bagg & Rope receipt as directed by you.

I have paid to Mr. H. E. Monroe the Balance of your account, as requested.

I note what you say about Judge Smith's contract - I understand that he will deliver 20 Bales in addition to the 2 Bales - Please give him the receipt & Bagg & Rope receive your credit. as usual -

The fact of the classification in the permit being probably better than the actual quality of the Cotton received, will not make any material difference at this late stage of our operations - provided the Cotton you get from them is merchantable.

I saw Mr. Farley in regard to his certificates - the orders Judge Gray's instructions are that they are receivable for all Confederate Taxes. The collectors of other Counties of the taxes of this year - the face of the certificate being equal to the amount in payment of Taxes -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. D. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, April 8. 1865

Maj. Sargent Esq.
Agt. Treasury Dept.
Galveston, Texas.

Sir.

I enclose copy of my letter of March 11th to Col. Broadwell, with Maj. Gen. Gray's endorsement thereon, relative to the shipment of cotton passing through Galveston for account of this Office.

As Judge Gray has given his assent, will you as a simple matter of accommodation to your old associates, undertake the duty?

Assuming that you will acquiesce, I write to Mr. Perkins today, asking him to forward you funds for that purpose - If any outlay should be necessary before funds reach you from here, please make your draft on me for funds, by any person coming this way.

Please take receipt on form "L" for all shipments of cotton, describing the bales & marks, Bales & weights, and Vessel of shipment & destination thereof, by whom shipped & to whom consigned -

Respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. C. Wells
Capt & C.

* Receipts in blank, as I do not know which Officer will take them up as this Station

Castor Bureau Capt. Q. M. Dept.
Houston, Texas

W. K. Parkins Esq.
Special Agt &c
Matamoras Mexico.

Sir -

I enclose copy of my letter of Mch 11th to Capt Broadwell, with Hon P. H. Grays endorsement thereon, relative to the payment of duties on the Cotton passing through Matad for account of this Office.

My object in sending it to you (see the Rifelers' endorsement) is to ask you to supply the necessary Specie funds. I do not know how much Cotton will pass that point, but suppose that ($500) Five Hundred dollars will be sufficient for the present.

I have requested Mr Hoyt to take vouchers on your [illegible] Issuing receipt of officer, in receipt, Clerk, to describe the Cotton by marks, bales and weights - point of departure and destination - Steamboat employed and to whom consigned. In writing to Mr Hoyt you can instruct him what disposition to make of the vouchers.

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Z. Kells.
Houston, Apl 6. 1865

R. C. Stone Esq. Agt.
Matamoras,

Sir,

Mr. Jno. F. Penny declines his inability to haul Cotton to the Rio Grande, and I have consequently told him you would load his train, and consign the Cotton to Capt J. C. Jonichell at San Antonio.

Please write Capt Jonichell that the Cotton is intended for reshipment to Mr. Perkins at Matamoras. for acct of Bouldin Riggs & Walker. by order of Genl Smith.

Yours truly
J. Mabbett
G. C. Kells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Kells
Houston April 6 1865

Capt. J. C. Jonichell
San Antonio, Texas.

Sir.

Please receipt the Cotton you may receive from Brazos County, from Agent R. C. Stone, to Mr H. M. Perkins, Matamoras, to be applied to Account of Bouldin, Riggs & Walkers Claim, as directed by Genl Smith,

Respectfully
J. Mabbett
G. C. Kells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Castle Bonan Capt Jr Reis
Hamilton, April 6. 1865

Lt. John S. Pang,

You will report with your train to Mr. B.G. Green, Agent at Millican, as soon as the Navasota River is in condition to cross - Mr Green will load your train with Government Cotton, consigned to Capt J.C. Jonichett at San Antonio, as previously instructed -

C.G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Castle Bonan Capt Jr Reis
Hamilton, April 4. 1865

E.P. Covington
Hearne, Texas.

Dear -

I am in receipt of yours favor of 29th ult, and regret to note that the state of the weather and roads has prevented your carrying out your contract for the delivery of the U.S. Cotton - I have given Messrs King & Co. orders for the Cotton - When their agent calls on you please put him in the way of finding the Cotton, and he will make immediate preparations for its removal.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C.G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Za. Miss.
Houston, April 4. 1865.

J. L. Clarke Esq. Ap
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 29th. Ult. Note contents. The acct. for Office rent is returned - All such charges are to be borne by the Agents, as under our arrangements the depot charges are supposed to cover Office & Storehouse rent &c -

I trust you will get back the A.B. Smith acct. for 10 Bales without trouble -

I send you the Copy of your R/L. of 3d Inst 1865 - The endorsement does not describe the Cotton by weight & classification -

In looking over your Cotton Report I find you do not include the A. P. Perkins lot of 6 Bales - Your certificate No 58, was dated Jany 4. 1865 - The exemption was issued Jany 9 1865 Your Report shows only 15 Bales for sale, while your certificates call for 21 Bales - If the deficiency 6 Bales please obtain and return to me the permit & Cert &c for the extra 6 Bales -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. E. Wells
Capt &c

I suppose
D. Landes - 10 Bales
Wm Pratt & Brown 5 "
will not be delivered

Cotton Bureau, Dept Ft Hatteras
Hatteras, April 4. 1865

C. C. Hand Esq Cpt-
Liberty.

Sir.

I have your favour of 3d Inst. with accompanying documents. I now send you Service Bill for £176 7s- which please sign & return-

Your statement shews balance due you £190.48
Less Cash paid you Jan 25th/65 6.88
Actual balance due you - £168.60

For which please select Coston as close to the amount as possible & send me receipts & classification, so that I may make up the Rolls & take necessary steps-

The Service acct sent you calls for - £176.75.
Less 12½ Cotton & 4d- overpaid on last acct 12.20
Actual balance as above £164.55

Since I received your Telegram of yesterday I have been trying to get an order for the 'Rattler' or 'Hill' to bring over the Cotton brought down by Coat. Grace - Owing to the pressure upon Mr. Sampson, the Treasury Dept. has claimed the first use of the Boats, & I cannot get them this time unless there is room to spare after loading his Cotton - If there should be please forward it -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt Pc

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
Houston April 4. 1865

Major A.H. Willis A.A.
San Antonio.

Major.

I enclose your permits
No. 2647 J.B. Hackett In Bl Cotton
" 2642 O. Haseley " "
in lieu of which please send me my corresponding exemptions - The parties will not deliver the Cotton owing to the circular of the Treasury Agent -

Very respy
Your obt svt
O. C. Wells
Capt A.A.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Texas.
Houston, April 5. 1865

Lt. A. Orvill Esq A.A.
Cold Spring.

Sir -

To expedite the movement of the Govt Cotton, and close your agency as speedily as possible, please have the remainder hauled in to the River bank to await the arrival of the Grace's boat - We will ship the new lying away the whole by the next trip of this boat.

Very respy
Your obt svt
O. C. Wells
Capt A.A.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, April 5. 1865—

J. G. Banks Esq
Fayetteville.

Sir—

I have your favor of 2nd inst & as requested I have paid & Mr Crane the certified account you sent down. as per statement enclosed. The acct for $1150 00 I have paid in gold & in new issue.

I cannot pay the last account now as it is out somewhere, and the Govmt is liable for the amount. I have stopped the payment of it until you find it and send it down for collection. Should have a good look for it, & if you do not find it advertise it & say that you will make application for a duplicate— I attach a description of the account at last—

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
C. C. Wolfley
Capt & C.

Order bill 24— from Maj Gen declined at Houston— for $1250 00 currency— Cost—

Cotton Bureau Capt Le Hess
Houston, April 5. 1865

Dear Stones Esq Gt
Brenham.

Sir -

I Konegone favor of 3d. Inst, and, as requested, now enclose certified acct, corrected. Favor of J. H. Chadwick - 10 B/C - $122 62 also Maj Willis' Permit, for same -

If Mr. Chadwick is willing, I can pay this acct, now in old issue at 5/8 for 2 - with which he can get Mr. Sorley's exchange certificate at same rate -. Good for Confederate Taxes - I have no new issue -

Very truly
Yr obt
Geo W Giddings
Cotton Bureau Capt Le Hess
Houston April 5. 1865 -

Dear Cooper Esq
Hempstead

Sir.

I have your favor of 3d Inst relative contract - I have no new issue yet - But if you are willing to receive payment in old issue at 5/8 for $2 - I can pay in this way - The time for old issue has been extended to June 1st - Mr Sorley issues his exchange certificates at the same rate & pay it out - These certificates will pay Confederate Taxes of any kind, but not State & C. Taxes - If you conclude to take it, sign back account & send them & one I will send you the Certificate from Mr. Sorley -

Very respectfully
Yr obt
G. W. Giddings

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Hass.
Houston, April 5. 1865

Lt. Col. Jno Ros Agt
Millikan,

Sir -

I herewith forward Ct. Inst Voucher contents. As requested I forward Ast. Agt. Jno A. G. Holly, C.S.A. $266.00 also Bagg & Rope receipt for signature - I return your, cancelled, unexecuted, Ct. 92. Lt. J. B. Walker Do 190. 3 which will " 93 " E. Haseley " 12 " 3 not be delivered.

The enclosures in your letter will be fully examined & reported upon -

Your certificate for Thos. J. Goodwin calls for 96 yds Bagging & 200 lbs Rope -

I send your package of Letter Paper Envelopes by mail, care of Wadsworth -

Try to get the Cotton from Hadley & Swinhart - Must hold all the documents until you do get the Cotton in hand - If any other parties refuse to deliver, do not give up the certified accounts - I am responsible for all the Cotton my Ct. Agt. calls for if it is not - consequently be careful & avoid making me liable for Cotton which I do not receive -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt C.S.A.

Cotton Inspector Dept St Louis.
Houston, April 6. 1876

H. L. Cooke Esq &c
Hempstead.

Sir

I append a statement of your Cotton account — Please examine it by your papers, and, if correct, send me a statement of Lots (by names of vendors) classification & weight, comprising the 1938 Bales on hand.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hollo
Capt &c.

Statement,

Cotton purchased by you, per Report		1938 Bales
Lot L. D. Perkins - not on your Report -		5 "
Total purchased		1943 Bales.
Delivered to Capt. Lockett, San Antonio	292 Bales	
" " D. Austin	10 "	
" " Cochrane, freight	8 "	
" " You for services	17 "	
" " me at Houston	502 "	
" " " for King & Co.	400 "	
" " King & Co - Woodlawn lot.	45 "	1274 "
Balance on hand		669 Bales

Your statement, if it shows the Lots, will avoid the necessity of another extended report from you —

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jr Miss
Houston, April 7. 1865

H. O'Connell Esq -
Enfield,

Sir - I have your favor of 29th Ult & note contents - I enclose a copy of my letter of date 24-65, to Judge Gray. as requested -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Jr. Miss.
Houston, April 7. 1865.

J. C. Luckett Esq Agt.
San Antonio -

Sir,

I have your favors of 25th Ult & 2d. Inst. & note contents.

I now enclose receipts for on Maj. A. K. Miller for 56 B/C. delivered to King & Co.

I am glad you have referred the Kuff - McKinney matter to Col. Broadnell - Like you, I could not understand the case well enough to decide upon it.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept. of Texas
Houston, April 7. 1865

Engineer.

I regret to see by the orders you have given in favor of Kennedy Stockman & King (189 Bales) & of W.m H. Perkins (199 Bales) that you do not appreciate my position & relation to the 888 Bales Cotton received by me from Q.M. Agent Cooley for account of Major & Asst Q.M.

The Cotton came into my hands during last Summer, as belonging to the Bureau - I was there receiving from Louisiana, via Galvestn Texas a large amount of Cotton - and as I became pressed for it I applied it to the Government of the debts of the Bureau - That long since Mr Cooley advised me that he had forwarded to me 400 Bales Cotton by that route, for Maj Nort - As I had received & accounted for only by Bales for Maj Nort, I instituted an investigation which resulted in the discovery that I had received the 888 Bales, that portion of advice had applied it as above stated - The present state of this Office, being produced from the latter acquisition of Cotton, and cut off from all the resources - renders it impracticable for me to replace the Cotton; and I would be glad if you can make my official receipt answer in lieu of it - If circumstances should

enable me to acquire location to a greater extent than I now anticipate I will take pleasure in invoicing a like quantity to you.

In the meantime if you will invoice this lot to me, it will enable me, as well as myself to make that much progress in closing out your estate.

I referred to this matter briefly, in my letters to Hq. Dept of Texas 25th & Galveston of Feb 24th. The Cotton was received in bad order. It consisted of 188 Bales. 105.480 lbs. I had the Bales broken up, weighed, rebaled and made all available that was not positively worthless. In my memorandum of receipts I have it entered "Wet & damaged".

I have settled in full with Messrs Kennedy & K. - with other Cottons - having yet in store 65 Bales to close the Russell Contract.

Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very respy
Your obt svt
D. W. Shull
Capt A.Q.

Capt. J. G. Ransom,
San Antonio -

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston. April 7. 1865

Wm. H. Perkins Esq
Special Agent &c.
Matamoras, Mexico.

Sir.

I have your favors of 22nd. & 24th inst & note contents -

I have no Cotton on hand belonging to Capt. Rowlins' service, and I trust you have not given any order on me based upon this order, as it was issued under a misapprehension of my position. & ability to deliver the Cotton -
I enclose a copy of my letter to Capt Rowlins, which will explain the matter.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas.

Houston. April 10. 1865 -

Thos. G. Masterson Esq Agt.
Bragoria.

Sir.

I have not yet received your Report.
Please do not delay sending it, beyond this week, as I must consider your functions as Agent of this Office, suspended, until your Report is received.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Cash'r.

Cotton Bureau Dept. In. Affrs.
Houston, April 10. 1865

R. Ripley Esq A.A.G. Gt.
Shreveport, La.

Sir.

I have yours of 30th & 31st & Cot Brs of 27th Inst. Contents noted.
I have forwarded the orders for Maj Corbett & Capt Shreveport, as requested.
I have not heard yet from Major Russell about the Hays & Lamache contract but trust it has already reached you.

I regret to say that I am in possession of conclusive evidence that Judge Gray does not intend to extend the time for permits. This determination is disastrous to the Bureau, as much Cotton will be lost to Govt in consequence. The Planters who still hold the Cotton sold to Govt will refuse to allow it to be removed. It remains to be seen whether the policy pursued by the Treasury Agent will be productive of any benefits to the Govt. My impression is that the new regulations will fail to do much good, as the people will not be disposed to work under them unless there is some guarantee that Govt promises will be made good. or carried out as made.

Very respy
Your ob
C. A. Wolff
Capt & AC

Houston April 10. 1865.

Maury Sanderson Esq
Capt. A. A. Quartr Mr
Houston.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of this date, & your requisition upon Cotton.

The only Cotton that would answer your purpose now, the lot of 158 Bales rec'd for "Mary Hall" has been appropriated to Messrs King & Co.

The lot of 100 Bales, named as in charge of Capt. Hall, I know nothing of, unless it be the lot of 82 Bales rec'd of Moore & Smaden some weeks since, & which I transferred to King & Co. I know nothing of 300 Bales at Liberty awaiting shipment - I expect Cotton at Liberty from Polk County, but I am bound to apply it to the debts created by Col. Hutchins, for the Govt, as the Cotton was acquired specially for this purpose.

Under the circumstances, & knowing that you cannot return me the Cotton, you cannot reasonably expect me to direct it from its proper application.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. svt.
D. H. Wells
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept Z. Hist
Houston, April 11. 1865

Dear Stones Esq Agt
Brenham.

Sir.

Your Cotton report be correct with the following exception - On Sept 12th/64 I issued to L.D. Bonyg a permit & Cert agt. & paid for 2 B/ Cotton, viz @ 1 - 504 - @ 1.-493- as shewn by your certificate dated Sept 10th/64. This lot does not appear any our report. Please explain -

Is it likely that any portion of the following will be delivered - viz:

A Campbell 25 - J.G. Banks 000 -
R. J Semmes 75

Very respy
Your obt svt
G.G. Wells Jr Hist
Cotton Bureau Dept Z
Houston, April 11. 1865

S. Reynolds Esq Agt
Bastrop.

Sir

I have your favor of 6th last & note what you say about L. Coulson. I have heard sufficient from Marshall within the last two days to convince me that Judge Gray will not extend the time for the use of Permits - Please return Bonds & papers to me for cancellation -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G.G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept N. Miss
Houston April 11. 1865

J. H. Cunningham Esq Qr.
Port Sullivan,

Sir-

I have your favors of Feb 25th & 8th last & note contents - I have just settled Mr. Brennan's acct on the proper basis, this Cotton having been delivered Baled - The receipt I sent you to be signed by R. L. Davis, was for Bagging & Rope delivered by C. C. Deane, who was Asst. acting as Agent for Col. Mickelwait Dep Contr Office) I cannot find J. B. Hagans' Bagging & Rope receipt among my papers. I will correct R. W. Davis' acct when it is presented Here [illegible] fragments

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Houston Texas April

Maj. W. Y. Webb Eng
Galveston

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst. & note the necessity for papers showing the authority of Agents Holstein & Baldwin -

I have written (today) to Shreveport for the certified copies of the various orders. I will forward them to you through Mr Holstein as soon as received,

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Haste
Hamburg Apl 11. 1865

J. Bartlett Esq Jr.
Harlee, Yalla Co.

Sir.

I have your favor of 4th Inst & note contents. I return you the H.L. Bennett Cert of for 9 Bales, as it is not the right one. The Bagg & Rope receipt refers to the Cert of for 20 Bales, in September. If you cannot get it back, have the small receipt signed.

Please return me the Cotton Statement I sent you, as soon as you correct it & make such additions & alterations as may be necessary.

The Bill of Lading I asked for in my letter of Mch 29th was for the following 15 Bales viz:

H.B. Coleman lot	9 Bales
part of B. H. Wilder lot	2 "
E. Canton lot.	4 "
	15 Bales

I have Bill of Lading for all the balance of the Cotton named in your memorandum of Cotton shipments. I return it herewith. As soon as the lots I have Bill of for

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
Chas. C. Wolfe
Cotton Agt &c.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. 2. Miss
Houston, April 12. 1865.

Colonel

I have the honor to request removal of detail of

Pri R. W. Cabaniss, Co. "C" Lovells' Regiment Heavy Artillery - for service as clerk in this office.

Pri. J. C. Baldwin - Richardsons' Co. Col. Lovells' Regiment - for service as Agent of this Office in Colorado County.

The services of these men are absolutely indispensible at this time to enable me to wind up the business of the Cotton Bureau - I desire to do so in the shortest time practicable, but will be able to accomplish very little unless I am allowed to retain the above named men -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Agent

Lt Col. Thos. H. Jack, A.A.G.
Chief of Staff &c &c.
Houston, Texas

Corpus Christi, Texas, April 12. 1865.

A. Ripley Esq. A.A.G.

Galveston Texas.

Sir.

You will recollect that our Agents at Alleston, Walston & Baldwin, were indicted by the Colorado District Court, under the ordinance of the last legislature (May '64). In preparing for their defence it is necessary to get up some documents in Galveston, and I heard to you for them under the belief that you will use your best endeavors to procure them.

I enclose letters from Messrs Ballinger & Walton, the attorneys - which will show what is wanted. Please note particularly what Mr Ballinger says about the authenticated or attestations, & have it properly made - Such of the papers as cannot be made Official of Dept. W.D. Pro. I desire the Broadcloth to certify to - The letter will of course be only such as emanated under this authority -

I have written up copies here as far as I can & now enclose them, they -

Genl Smith's Official June 8th.
Instructions to Impressment Officers - June 6th
Genl Smith's order relating Pol Matters - 20.
" " Blockading ordinance " " "

Instructions to Genl - June 28 '62 -
Appointment of Baldwin - Do -
" Halleck - " -
Genl Smith & Col Magruder driving improvements.
The papers not acquired are -
Assignment of Genl Smith to command of Dept.
Appointment & Assignment of Col Brackett as
Chief of Cotton Bureau -
General Orders # 34 & # 35 -
Confirmation Act of Congress as published
in Genl Orders from War Dept -

And any other papers deemed vitally
upon the case —

Your early attention will oblige me

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Quartermr. Aft Mississippi

Adjt Genl Ripley.

Halleck & Baldwin are in a "fix" two mistake - The Judge is going the whole hog on a conviction, & the papers must be very straight to show the authority under which they acted - Please do all you can to have these papers forwarded promptly. & return them to me as early as possible -

The Secretary Agent Kno Cotton is out of Cash -

Yours Truly
G. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dpt. Z. Mississ.
Houston. April 10. 1865.

C. C. Lamb Esq. Pt.
Liberty.

Dear.

I have your favor of 6th Inst. thanks contents - She not 150 bales duly to hand. When Bartells' flats arrive please forward the Cotton at once by the Boat then at Liberty. If I could a Team at it would send over an order to the Boat to bring it -

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cott Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Z Miss
Houston. Apl 29. 1865.

E. A. Davis Esq Agt
Cold Spring.

Dear -

I have your favors of 26th & 28th Inst & note contents - Coal Boat arrived safely with the 150 Bales Cotton -

In consequence of Judge Gray's determined action as shown in his letter to Judge Harry, I fear we shall fail to receive some of the Cotton you expected to send by next trip of Coal Boat's fleet.

Respectfully
Yr obt Svt.
C. C. Wells
Cott Agt

Con. Bureau Dept. Gr. Hdqrs.
Houston, April 10, 1865

Capt. H. B. Lee, A.D.C.
Gen. Augustine's Command.

Sir -

Mr. S. H. Blount arrived arrive at Orange on 8th inst with a flat Boat load of Cotton Goods Owned - Please send a Steam Boat to tow them over - In forwarding the Cotton to me please advise me & keep it entirely seperate from Mr. Sampson's Cotton.

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Houston, April 10. 1865

J. S. Redden Esq
Navasota,

Dear Sir -

I send you the watch by Capt Reeds to day - Saugier paid the fare - Polais says it goes well - He kept it several days to regulate it - or I would have sent it sooner -

Very truly yours
C. G. Wells

Confidential

Houston April 18. 1865

Colonel.

Before you receive this you will have seen Judge Hays published letter, which settles the question about permits - He says emphatically that they cannot be used after 30th inst.

It appears to me that General Smith should not submit to this wholesale repudiation - The people have relied upon his assurances that his promises should be made good - I do not presume to advise any course for him, but I will suggest to you a procedure which I would be very glad to see put in force and before you will consider the policy of it and, if it suits you, urge its adoption -

1st To let holders of permits know that they can use them -

2nd Instruct the troops on duty west of the San Antonio River, not to molest any Cotton train which is protected by Permits - but to facilitate the movement of all such -

By proper management the Civil authorities could be prevented from seizure of trains, unless orders from the Treasury Agency - without any serious clash.

Very respy

Your obt svt

G. G. Wells

Capt & C.

Lt. Col W. H. Broadwell
Shreveport, La

Houston, April 14. 1865

John T. Rose Esq
Goliad.

Sir -

I take pleasure in introducing to your favorable acquaintance my friend Capt Lewis Johnson - His partner, Hans Horne Esq Smokers own several hundred Bales of Cotton covered with permits from the Cotton Bureau. Their rights in the case are of the most sacred character, the Cotton having been paid to them under a contract made by authority of General E. Kirby Smith, which they have fulfilled to the letter - The continuous rains for the last three months have prevented them from making much progress towards expediting the Cotton, but they have succeeded in drawing it to four wagons at Allegtoe and it will reach Goliad as early as the state of the Roads will permit.

I trust you will give them the full benefit of your discretionary powers and relieve them from disappointment and loss as far as practicable -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Hall
Capt A.Q.

Cotton Bureau Capt Z. Kelly
Houston, April 14. 1865

Major A. S. Gabell Jr
Columbus,

Major, I have your favor of 4th Inst with enclosure as requested & I now enclose invoices of Bagging & Rope, signed -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Walker
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Z. Kelly
Houston, April 14. 1865

Benj. Stones Esq Jr
Brenham,

Sir,

I have your favor of 12th Inst & note the explanation of the L.N. Bragg & Co. which on examination proves correct.

All the remaining parties will not deliver any more Cotton, please return their permits to me so that I may send them to San Antonio for cancellation. Under present circumstances I cannot expect them to comply with their contracts. I have been disappointed about getting specie funds, but will be ready for your shortly -

Very respy
Your Obt Svt
C. C. Walker
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Capt. L. R. Evans
Houston, April 14. 1865

Capt. L. R. Evans.
Commdg Texas Arsenal
San Antonio, Texas,

Captain.

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th Inst
Waiste contents - Terms of Policy rec'd with
enclosures came duly to hand - but I have delayed
answering it until I could ascertain whether I
could make good our conditional promise to
Col Stockton by furnishing the Cotton required
to pay Mr Urbahn - I regret to have to
say now that the action of the Treasury Agent
Wm. A. H. Gray, has deprived me of all hope of
being able to supply the Cotton, and I return
you the Urbahn drafts herewith - Our resources
are entirely cut off by Judge Gray's late circulars
Therefore I will not be able to reduce to possession
at least 4000 Bales which I would have received
credit for this settlement - I only refer to this
action to show you why I am unable to furnish
the Cotton for Mr Urbahn, that this Office cannot
be relied upon, therefore, for any assistance in pro-
viding payment for claims against the Govt

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt &c

Inclosed
Jno A. Urbahn
account

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, April 14. 1865.

Hon S. H. Aldridge
Washington.

Madam.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th, asking your determination not to deliver your Cotton to Govt. While I regret the necessity which has forced your determination, I must say to you that I cannot complain of your action, & do not desire you to fulfil a contract which can only result in positive loss to you. Until Judge Gray was sent into the Department to take charge of the Cotton business of the Govt, this Office was prepared to carry out all the promises made to you & others.

In order to relieve me from responsibility to the Govt, I must request you to authorize Mr. Vincent to return to me the amount of rope & bale you have received, Also to purchase and return to me the 220 yards Bagging & 240 pounds Rope used by you on the Cotton. I require the Bagging & Rope to be returned, as I am not authorized to sell it except when the Cotton it covers is sold to the Govt. You can purchase Bagg & Rope in Houston now, at about half the value it bore last fall.

I am glad to be able to meet your views in this case.

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Hicks
Houston, April 14. 1865—

Capt F. A. Lynch Jnr.
Houston.

Capt—

As requested I herewith certify that you have satisfactorily accounted for all the Cotton which you have received while acting for the Cotton Bureau, and for which you were accountable to this Office—

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Chr. G. Wells
Capt & Disbg Agt.

Statement for Capt F. A. Lynch—
Amounts due to,

A. Davidson—	$2562.50.	
A. D. Ross—	25.00.	
B. D. Key—	97.25.	
A. A. Cash—	160.25.	$2844.00

Paid to Capt Lynch
Pr. Sundry Certfs. from A. R. Ross. $50.00
" " " " B. D. Key— 100.00
" " " " A. Davidson 400.00.
$550.00 2,500.00

Amt issued
April 14. 1865—

Cotton Bureau Capt Jr Mess
Houston April 14. 1865.

Capt J. A. Lynch A.C.S.
Houston.

Capt.

Please return Rowe Statement in
mind the Cotton
A. Hamilton 2 Bales. A. A. Smith 10 Bales
J. R. A. Barkley, 6 Bales
were never delivered — Please have
settled account for the same & return
them to me.

Please also find J. R. Bass settled
account, & Statement, Hand it to them
or send it to me for that account — I
have no new orders, but I can pay the
settled Statements for new cotton which
will discharge B pay his Confederate taxes.

I will pay any other accounts the
same way —

I Hand you Herewith the Vouchers
for B. H. Bass. J. R. Bass, Ful Commission,
& your Statement Herewith — Also —
for S. S. Cobb. I have all the
settled accounts here — Please ask
the Comission if he does not think I may
have Credit for new cotton — & return it
to me how it is.

Very respy
Your Obt
Ch. Ch. Stubbs
Cotton

Cotton Bureau Dept. Te Miss
Houston, April 29. 1865

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio.

Major.

I have your favor of 26th last evening enclosing cancelled exemptions as stated - Thank you for your prompt attention.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss

Houston, April 29. 1865

Lt. S. Waddell Asst Qr Mr
Galveston.

Sir:

I have your favor of 26th last evening Bill of Lading - The Cotton duly received - Please forward the remaining Bills of Lading as early as circumstances will permit.

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston April 29. 1865.

Capt. Wm. H. Bonnet A.Q.M. C.S.A.
Henderson,

Captain. I have your favor of 26th last evening your official receipt for 46 Bales Cotton - Thank you for your prompt attention.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt C.B.

Cotton Bureau, Asst. Q. M. Gen's.
Houston, April 19. 1865.

Major Charles Russell A.A.G.
San Antonio.

Major,

I am in receipt of your favor of 4th Inst from Matamoras - with enclosures, and as requested I now enclose the Boulton papers, viz:-

Amount of R. Boulton & Co. - $ 5-4/12. 18.
R. Boulton's Powers of Attorney to Lewis & Anderson
do Letter April 18/64. to G. Lewis.
do Rec'd 5/65. Genl H. P. Bee.
Certified Copy of account.

I have failed upon your receipt of my own favor, under date of January 4th 1865 - to find Mr. Anderson (the Agent of Boulton) is still absent - but Mr. Boulton's orders and those from any subsequent will enable me to account the given as soon as he returns.

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

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Cotton Bureau, Capt In Chg
Houston, April 17. 1865

A. B. Fuller Esq Agt
Anderson,

Sir.

I have become responsible for the following lots of Cotton in Limestone County - through your agency -

H. H. Olivier	17 Bales	6.744 lbs
R. A. Stroud	20 "	13.402.
Total	47 Bales	20.146 lbs

You recollect that one of Capt. Bennetts trains took off 46 Bales 19.758 lbs leaving 1 Bale 388 lbs still to be accounted for - Please assist me in getting a receipt for it - If the Bale is lost send me your duplicate Affidavit detailing the circumstances of the loss, as I will otherwise be made responsible for it - I think the missing 1 Bale belonged to the H. H. Olivier lot -

Give this matter your early attention and oblige me -

Yours respectfully
Jno. Mabry
Co. C. S. A.
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston April 19. 1865.

Col P. G. Bedford
Clarendon.

Sir.

I take pleasure in bringing
to your efforts to assist this Office in
providing further means of the Army by your liberal
contributions of Cotton and transportation during
the past three months. You have sold
to this Office during that period Six Hundred &
sixty two Bales Cotton upon the terms I was
authorized to offer. and which you were one of
the first to accept. You have delivered this
Cotton at the points at which I agreed to receive it,
and before I could assure you that the payments
would be made by the Govt, as promised.

I have been almost entirely dependent upon your
transportation east of Trinity River, and the assistance
you have thus rendered me has been of immense
benefit to the Govt, as without it I could not have
secured the Cotton in that section.

The permits you now hold were received under the
seal of this Office. one June 1st. and should receive
such protection from the Govt, as will enable you to
secure their full value by a free use of them. When
placed there was no condition or liability attached to
your possession of them, and you are entitled to a
full fulfillment to the letter of the promises made to you
& others who complied with the rules of this Office.

Very respectfully your obt svt
A. G. Hall
Capt & AQM

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, April 17. 1865

D. H. Keller Esq Act.
Crockett

Sir

I have communication of Gen. Bush, covering the duplicate receipts of Col Bennett for the Cotton Rope & twine turned over to the Treasy. Agency - Please obtain like receipt for the remainder, when delivered.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Apl 19. 1865

Lt. Col. Starr Eng Corps
Meridian

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th inst. asking for detail of Peter S. Bishop - I cannot apply for it unless you send me his Company, Regiment &c - If he does not belong to any organization he must join the Reserve Corps before he can be detailed - In the latter case send me the name of his Captain & Colonel - & County to which his company belongs - His certificate of disability is not in force - but if he belongs to the Reserves I can get this detail without the certificate.

Very respy
your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss.
Houston, Apl 19. 1865

J. J. Hodge Esq
Thalack,

Sir-

Please return to this Office the certified acct. signed by Major A. H. Stiles, dated Oct 27. 1864, for 19 B/Cotton, gbgs the 25th = $3418 50/100 - as the same has been erroneously issued - Col Hutchins has already issued his certificate in your favour for the same lot of Cotton, & Maj Stiles has affixed to same his acct returned -

Your early attention will oblige me -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Maj A. H. Stiles

Houston, Apl 19. 1865-

Knight Ripley Esq
Stonewall - La -

The notes will handily sell for One dollar and fifty cents each - The interest cannot be collected - Must they be sold

C. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ex. Miss.
Houston, April 19. 1865

Major-

I have your favor of 14th inst, & as requested enclose your certified apl. for Cotton & Mules for 101 - 25. 54. 17 - total 177 Bg Cotton - The Cert of favor A.A. Hodge - 19 B/C - has been issued to him, but I have written him to return it, & will forward it to you as soon as received -

I enclose also Abstract of Permits No. 4 - Issy 30. 1865, accompanied by one Exemption Duplicate of Permit -

I return you the following Permits for cancellation - the parties having positively refused to deliver the Cotton in consequence of Judge Gray's late letter -

No 1357	Issued 1865	Jesse P. Boulware	10 Bales -	4629 lbs
" 1358	" "	L. S. Herring	15 "	6997 "
" 1359	" "	do	5 "	2500 "
" 1367	" 17 "	J. J. Stewart	2 "	986 "

Please return me any corresponding exemptions -

I fear I shall lose 4000 Bales Cotton, which had been actually received on plantations, but which the new laws will not now allow to be removed - I am utterly at a loss to conceive how such consequences can be thought beneficial to the Service -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio,
Texas.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston, Apl 20. 1864

S. A. Miller Esq Cpk
Crockett,

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th inst touche what you say about discrepancy in weight of the Rope turned over to Lesl Burnett - I do not wish to make them responsible for more than he received - Please therefore have the whole lot weighed & send me a statement of the actual weight, over this signature - I will then get receipts from Sam'l Lane to correspond - You will not be responsible for the deficiency, though I regret that you did not deliver the rope to all the parties by actual weight - As two coils will weigh alike, consequently an average is no criterion - The short weight can be accounted for by a certificate certifying to the falling off - When you ascertain the exact difference between the weight per Bill of Lading, & the weight by deliveries please send me your sworn certificate in duplicate to enable me to account for it -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Shelby
Cotton Agt.

Cotton Bureau, Dept In Hats
Houston, Apl 20. 1865

Ben Stones Esq Qt.
Brenham.

Sir.

I have yr favor of 18th inst returning unused permits, as stated.

Please hold the Bagging & Rope you have until I can get an order to turn it over to the Treasury Dept - when I will send an order to you to do so.

Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
G. W. Wells
Cotton Bureau, Dept H. In. Hats.

Cotton Bureau, Dept H. In. Hats.
Houston, Apl 20. 1865

Major,

I enclose your permits as follows:

No. 2187	dated 13th inst	R. J. Hamilton	25 Bales.	12.250 lbs
" 2188	" " "	do	25 "	12.000 "
" 2189	" " "	do	25 "	12.250 "
" 2190	" 14 "	A. Campbell & Co.	25 "	12.250 "
" 2194	" " "	J. G. Barbee	25 "	11.500 "
" 2195	" " "	do	25 "	11.500 "
" 2196	" " "	do	25 "	11.500 "
" 2197	" " "	do	25 "	11.500 "

the parties having refused to deliver the Cotton.

Please return my corresponding expenditures.

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
G. W. Wells
Cotton Agt.

Maj. H. H. Hilbee U.S.
San Antonio.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Apl 20. 1865

Colonel

Capt Sumner while receiving the Moore & Smoked Cotton I received 338 Bales which belonged to Maj. S. Wards' Dept. & which should have gone forward as acct of Capt J. C. Ransom — But I used the Cotton for Bureau acct before I was advised that it did not belong to us — When I discovered my error I proposed to Capt Ransom to receipt to him for it, as I am not able to return it — Capt Ransom is now willing to take my receipt provided you will issue an order to him to do so — Please recommend the matter by making the necessary order — naming the amount for which I am to receipt — 338 Bales. 165,480 lbs.

I have promised the Capt. I would return or recovery a like amount of Cotton to him if the Bureau is ever in position to do so.

Very truly
Yours
G. W. Hall
Capt & C

Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell
Pineville, La.

G. G. Hall
Capt. A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Te. Miss.
Houston, Apl 20. 1865

Mrs Sophie Hayblum
Richmond, Texas

Madam,

I enclose certified account in your favor for 8 Bs Cotton, delivered at Allegator,
Amt $ 184 64/—

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston, Apl 20. 1865

J. G. Swickell Esq A.A.
San Antonio.

Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 4th inst with enclosures - and as requested now hand you Receipt to in favor of Major Hillie for 40 Bs Cotton delivered to Maj Hill.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Costen Bacon, Dept Q. M. Gen'l
Houston, Apl 21. 1865

L. Stockton Esq Asst.
Allegheny,

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst under contents.
I now enclose Certified acct. for Co Gordon for
25 R[illegible], $752.00 as requested - and have forwarded
the Maj Adams' acct. to Richmond. to-day.
I make the delivery of 44 Bales Cotton to Kennedy,
Stillman & King. & will complete the papers here.
The papers Mr. Stubbs requires cannot be made
perfect here - I made up as many as I could
& sent them to Shreveport for authentication,
with directions how to fix them properly - also
asking for the additional necessary papers.
Do not give yourself any uneasiness, as they
will be returned and sent to you in ample
time -
I handed Mr. Baldwin his detail a
few days ago -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. C. Stelle
Capt A.Q.M.

Textile Bureau Dept. Ja. Miss.
Houston, April 21. 1865

Wm. H. Hamed Esq Capt.
Jasper.

Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of even date & both & note contents. If White & White have not used their permit, they can cancel the contract by returning me the permit, and the quantity of Bagg & Rope furnished - say 140 yds Bagging & 2by pounds Rope - I cannot see the Bagging & Rope, but must get it back - They can buy it in this market much cheaper than when it was furnished - I cannot complain of their refusal to comply with the contract, if they have not used the permit, as Judge Gray's action has deprived them of any advantage they had in making the contract, & I will not be a party to any proceeding which deprives a man of his property without giving him an equivalent -

In regard to the 38 R/C - Please send me your duplicate affidavit showing the loss of one Bale in reloading - also state the loss in weight if you can -

I enclose a certified account for the Charges - $225. C.S. notes & $42.50 Specie, which you will please sign & have presented here for payment - I do not think Capt Lee at Beaumont has any funds to pay with - but you can have the acct collected here, I trust, without inconvenience -

Very respy
Your obt
C. G. Webb
Cont Agt &c.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Lois.
Houston, Apl 21. 1865

Lt. G. Starr Esq Agt -
Millican.

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th last date contents - I cannot find that I have ever received the I. I. Gradmin Bagging & Rope receipt. Make up your report by the amt. you recollect to have delivered here - I can explain the receipts to Mr. Edmington when I see him - I have not got receipts from him for as much as he is charged with in his acct. &c -

The certified accts of Helena Bale & thro Helena, are received.

You can agree to pay Edmington $1 per Bale for rehaling - It must be done with care, the wet cotton must be dried, or it will be taken away -

I think I can get Mr. Bishop for you in a few days - He is here now, but has not been examined & assigned to a command yet -

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & AQ

If it is impossible to say now what steps will be pursued to do after your close up your agency - I would suggest the Surveyor's Office as the best place, for several reasons -

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Texas
Houston, April 21. 1865.

J. C. Jenichell Esq Qt
San Antonio.

Sir -

Please do me the favor to have made up Invoices & receipts for all the Cotton received by Maj Hillie from my Agents, not already receipted for. I would be glad if you will send me a list of items with the shapers. The Cotton received from H Flemings' agency, I would like to know about, particularly.

Your early attention will very much oblige me,

Respectfully
Your obt
G. C. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Houston April 21. 1865

H. E. Wadell Esq
Crockett.

No - Judge Gray's letter is supposed to be paid - He says they cannot be used.

G. C. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Ju. Miss.
Houston, April 24. 1865-

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio,

Major -

I enclose your permit No. 2089 favor David Coulson for 24 B/C - he having refused to deliver the Cotton - Please return my corresponding permit -

I have changed your permit No. 2205. favor of Walton & Walton, from 35 Bales - 17.500 lbs to 20 " 9.991 ; they having delivered only 20 Bales - Please change my Exemption No. 1244. to correspond

Very respy
Your obt
Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Ju. Miss.
Houston, Apl 24. 1865

J. B. Bailey Esq of
Huntsville

Sir -

I have your favor of 19th inst - I regret to hear that you will not be able to collect all the Cotton, but under the circumstances I cannot expect the vendors to deliver - Please reserve enough Cotton to pay yourself -

Mr. Sorley has paid the draft for $ 624.00 -

Very respy
Your obt Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston. Apl 24. 1865

N. H. Faison Esq Agt -
Saltrange.

Sir -

I have your favor of 17th inst with enclosures, contents noted - I now enclose Draft & Statement cert a/c & Permit for 20 BC 9991 lbs - $721 87/100 allowing them to retain the whole amount of Bagging & Rope given them - I also returne your informal certificate dated 14th Inst -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & AC

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Apl 24. 1865

Capt B. F. Lynch
Gonzales,

Captain

I have your favor of 19th Inst, covering your certified accounts as named -

I thank you for your promptness - I trust you will be able to find the whereabouts of J. D. Hyl's cott. a/c - before long -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & AC

Cotton Bureau Dept. In. Affrs.
Houston, Apl 24. 1865

Major R. H. Jones U.S.
Waco.

Major-

I have your favor of 22d last. covering your receipts for 331 B/C rec'd. from Agent Hand & Holcomb Lavaca-

As you have left it to me to fill in the weights, I have done so upon a plan which I believe to be just to yourself & me - though I do not know the exact weight I cannot ascertain it - I have the actual weight of 87 Bales shipped to you by Hand - & find that it averages 497 lbs per Bale - Consequently I make up the weight of the 182 Bales at that rate - The H Lavaca lot I put at 480 lbs per Bale - Below I give a memo. of the filling in in the receipts - Please put the same figures in my Invoices -

Very respy
Yrobt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

182 Bales - H Hand - 90.454 lbs - (average 497 lbs)
49 " H Holcomb 23.520 " (" 480 ")

Custom House, Dept. In Rels
Houston, April 24. 1865

Major S. S. West Gill.
Tacogdoches

Major.

I enclose transfer papers of 68 Bg. Rope taken by a Mr. Ellenwood, acting as your agent, from Mr. S. W. Blount at Sabinetown some weeks ago.

Mr Blount informs me that Ellenwood shewed him your authority, in writing, to impress the Rope, after it was taken. He does not send me the letter, but you will probably recollect the circumstance. The rope was used as a check line for a flat Boat loaded with corn, in charge of Ellenwood.

Please sign the receipts and return them to me.

Very respy
Yr obt svt
Co. C. Wells
Collr

Houston, Apl 24th 1865

Dear Ripley.

The sale of your interest notes has given me much concern, but acting as I believed best for your interest I have let them go for 50¢ each. I handed them to the best Agent in town for that kind of work. Some of the offers he got were as low as 12½¢ each. The very best offers was 50¢. What cannot be repeated. Have more $20.000 ∴ of yours & $2.500 of Col Rivademly.

Yours truly
C. C. Wells

Houston, April 26. 1865

John L. Smith Esq
Crockett.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th Inst & note contents - As you are now probably aware, Judge Gray has made the Cotton Bureau permits perfect - by wording it, and a delivery of your Cotton to me would be almost equivalent to a voluntary present made by you to the Govt. as I can only pay you in Confed money at a nominal price - Unless you wish to do this, & so understand it, I will not endeavor to hold you to your contract, but will consider it cancelled as soon as your returns to Mr Miller the Bagg & Rope you have received from him - If you have used the permit for 2 Bales I shall expect you to deliver that lot of Cotton - Otherwise it will stand on the same footing as the last contract -

In regard to transportation - as I told you when you were here all of the Govt Cotton has been turned over and the Govt to Agents of Boulden Riggs & Strother, or Boulden & Trowell, & I have nothing to do with its removal - If I could throw any freight into your boat I would do so with pleasure, but I do not know of any Cotton on the upper river of which I am charged with the removal. Messrs Grace & Bethell are engaged in transporting all the Govt Cotton, in charge of this Office, on the Lower river.

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau. Dept Te Miss
Houston. Apl 25. 1865

Major A. H. Hillie C. S.
San Antonio.

Major.

I enclose your permits for Lt. B. Hood
Fany Hall - No. 2692 - 29 Bales. No. 2693 - 30 Bales -
No. 2694 - 30 Bales. in all 89 Bales. Please refer
to my ~~Exam~~ No. 1855 for 94 Bales. No. 1855½ for 7 Bales.
in all 101 Bales - I write across the face of No. 1855
'only 8 Bales. 2.350 lbs delivered' - thus cancelling
the remainder - Lt. Hood has delivered only 12
Bales in consequence of Judge Grays' letter - I
fear its consequences will be disastrous to us, as much
of the Cotton we have received still remains on the
plantations, and the vendors are reclaiming it &
generating its removal on the ground that the
Government has repudiated its part of the
Contract -

Very respy
Your obt. svt.
Lt. C. Hobby
Capt & AQ

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, April 25. 1865

D. A. Orviss Esq. Agt
Cold Spring.

Sir.

I have your favor of 29th Ult. with Cotton & Bagg & Rope Statements - for which thank you - Your Cotton Report agrees with the record in this Office - As you will not be able to receive some portions of the 89 Bales, (in consequence of Judge Grays' letter), please advise me particularly of the lots which the parties refuse to deliver, stating what lot (where stored - If the parties have used their permits I will expect them to complete the delivery - +
I return you the Statement of Hughes, Nichols & Sparks. Please do me the favor to get from them duplicate affidavits in each case, stating clearly the number of Bales &, if possible the pounds also. Send me these as vouchers - Keep a certified Copy of each, & send it, with the names of the three Ranch evidence as you can get, to the District Attorney (State) for your District & ask him to bring the matter before the Grand Jury - No other course can be pursued, which will effect any good - Govt. Cotton has been taken by women in several counties in my district, & the Confederate Courts having no jurisdiction over such misdemeanors the matters have been turned over to the State Courts -
+ If parties, who have sold this Office Cotton, (in good faith, relying upon our promises) still have their permit & certified accounts unused, I deem it a matter of simple justice to allow them to retain their Cotton, upon returning to Govt the Bagg & Rope in kind, the permit & the certificate - I have no instructions & this effect, but I will not make any effort to compel a

Judge Gray's letter to me, also the Attorney & Cotton, which the Jury will be in this connection, if necessary - Send all C. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Te. Miss
Houston, April 26. 1865—

J. C. Twichell Esq Agt
San Antonio, Texas

Sir—

I have your favor of 21st Inst. and as requested, now hand you Major Hillies' Certified account. Voucher S. E. Hammond, Flow Y B/O - 9628 Cts. $882.00—

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept. Te. Miss.
Houston, April 26. 1865—

Capt S. H. Harris,
Sweet Home, Lavaca Co.

Sir—

I am in receipt of yours favor of 6th Inst covering amended Cotton Statement, for which I thank you— Also of 8th Inst. covering three certified accounts, as named— that of H. B. Smith Sept 1. $488.40 However did not come in the letter— Please see if you did not omit to send it—

Bennett account is signed "Bennet" on one, & "Brett" on the other— Please be particular about the signatures on the other vouchers you have in hand—

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. La. Miss
Houston, April 26. 1865.

E. Ripley Esq. A.A.G.
Shreveport, La

Sir -

Your favor of 6th inst. is at hand - and contents noted -

I now hand you the transfer papers for the Sabine Town Cotton, 1412 Bales ± Have had the invoices signed by Col. Broadwell, & return them to me. with the other vouchers now in your possession, at your earliest convenience.

Capt. Smaker is absent - I do not know what kind of a voucher I could get from him if he were here, for the 18 Bales said M & S. to make up weight - If you can have one prepared I will send it here & will have it completed as soon as I see him -

I am loading Cotton in every direction in consequence of the large Crops Cotton,

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wolf
Capt A.C.

± Approximately,

To Brig Gen.	Our old Russell Contract RSVR	620	Bales
" "	Burnt at Sabine - now received by order Genl Banks	105	"
" "	Powder Plains - H. Kennedy -	331	"
" "	Our a/c of general Contract	456	"
		1412	Bales

Cotton Bureau, Dept: of Texas.
Houston, Apl 27. 1865

Mr. A. St. John Esq. A.G.
Richmond.

Sir.

I have your favor of 25th inst. & note contents. As requested I send you Mr. Langley's certificate in favor of S. E. Leary for $386 00 new issue - and have paid to Mr Yard $64 25 Specie, the amount of S. S. Glascocks' acct. as per receipt enclosed.

The Boy 'Tyler' cannot be furnished with clothing by the Dept, as his master is receiving Specie pay from you for him.

The only negroes to whom clothing is furnished are those serving in the department. for whose hire the masters receive only $30 per month C.S. note -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & AQ

I have nothing encouraging to say about the Genesis, as I have not heard a word on the subject from either Shreveport or Richmond - As matters now look is it probable that you will get any Cotton at all?

I have paid Mayhems $52 00 in settlement of all claims for freight &c. I have his obligation (for self & Bagel) to that effect -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Gr. Miss
Houston, April 24. 1865

Major A. S. Cabell Jr.
Clinton,

Major.

In my receipt to you for 26 Bales Cotton paid to C. C. Barnes, some months ago, I receipted for 10 Bales for which I had previously been made responsible on my own papers - Mr W. Harris reports, in this statement to me, that you received 9 Bales, for which I was responsible - I now enclose invoices & receipts for these lots (12 Bales) -

Mr Harris also reports that he used 1/2 Bale of your Cotton in making a settlement, for which the vouchers are taken in my name (Whitfield 7 Bales) - & Maj Bunglen has receipted to me for 1 Bale which also belongs to you - I therefore send Receipts signed - & invoices - for this lot (8 Bales)

Please sign the Receipt in the first case and the invoice in the other & send them to me at your earliest convenience -

If there is any other unsettled business between us please advise me - I am trying to close up the old business with all possible speed -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Cotton Agt &c

Invoice of Cotton
Williams' 1 -
Hamilton 7 -
Bunglen 2 - 10 Bales -
Invoice of Bonnie Williams lot - 2 Bales -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Jn Miss
Hamilton, April 28. 1865.

General -

I have the honor to request the detail of Private A. C. L. Hill of Capt. Hare's Company of Brazos County Texans. for duty with this Office His services are necessary to enable me to receive Government Cotton from Brazos County & Brownsville - he having the necessary transportation for the purpose -

Please endorse to report to me for duty -

Very respt
Your Obt Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt Engrs

Brig Genl A. B. Robertson,
Commdg Texans. State of Texas.
Brenham, Texas.

Through Capt Hare -

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Apl 28. 1865.

Pri. A. C. L. Hill, Brazos County Reserves living in the employ of this Office, with Seven Six mule teams, & wagons, engaged in hauling Cotton from Brazos County to the Rio Grande, the said wagons & teams are exempt from impressment, & impressing Officers are requested not to interfere with them or delay them.

C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Apl 28. 1865

A.C. Steen Esq A.A.
Millican.

Sir.

This will be handed you by Mr A.C. L. Hill, who has Seven 6 mule teams & will load Cotton for transportation to Browns-ville. I have attached for his detail & will forward it to you for mine as soon as received. In the meantime you will please make arrangements for giving mine as early a start as practicable.

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

Boston Bureau, Dept. Fr. Mis.
Hartford, April 25. 1855

Major A. B. Pearce. U. S.
Austin, Tex.

Major.

I am in receipt of your favor of 24th inst. through Capt Gaines, in relation to the certificate rec'd in favor of Mr. Gourlay.

I have no remissue, nor is there any present good prospect of getting any - I have old issue, however, which I am authorized to pay out at $3. for $1 - i.e. adding 50% to the face of the account -

The U. S. Depositary here issues his certificates for new issue at same rate, taking the old currency - These certificates will pay Confederate taxes of any kind, and will be issued by Mr. Gourlay in convenient sums, if required -

If this mode of payment will answer Mr. Gourlay's purposes, I am willing to make it - but in order to make the account a good voucher to me it must be approved or endorsed paid by Col. Broadwell, as Chief of this Bureau - I have not been authorized to take up any accounts but Col. Watkins' & my own, & I am alone under which I could pay the acct. in question.

Very respy
your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of State
Houston, Apl 28. 1865

E. Kirby Esq.
Bonnville.

Sir.

I am in receipt of yours favor of 19th Inst & note contents - I regret that I have no new issue to pay the account you gave & Bales cotton with - and, owing to the late news from Richmond, there is now but little prospect of any new issue coming to this side of the River -

I can pay your account, however, in an exchange certificate, to be issued by Mr. Kirby, the C.S. Treasurer here - this certificate will pay the Confederate taxes promptly the same as the new issue - and I trust will answer your purpose - If so sign both accounts & send them to me, and I will send you the certificate by return mail -

Let me hear from you as early as possible, in order that I may make the settlement while I have the ability to do so -

Very respy
Yr obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, April 29. 1865

Capt. W. D. Mitchell
Cold Spring.

Capt-

Please send me descriptive lists of the negroes detailed, by order of Capt A. McKay, to P. C. Bethell & G. B. Byrd - as I must report them - I have no data in the office which enables me to do so until I hear from you -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Te. Miss.
Houston, April 29. 1865

A. A. John Esq Capt -
Richmond.

Sir -

Please send me a descriptive list of the negro Boy Tyler, as early as possible - as I have to report him -

Very respy
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, April 29. 1865

Major H. P. Bangham. AAG
Rio Grande City.

Major.

While working at my papers, endeavoring to close the old business, I find the following Cotton reported by the Agents, and for which I have no receipts - The Cotton was shipped to you, by the parties named, viz:

J. H. Cross Agt.	153 Bales -	73.664 lbs
J. H. Harris Agt.	94 "	46.541 "

Please examine into this matter, and if you find it correct, please send me your Receipts, & Invoices for me to sign.

I find also that Agent Cross shipped to Jose Gilmore, Laredo. 44 Bales. 20.748 lbs. but I have no statement from Gilmore I cannot tell if he ever received it - It is possible that the Cotton may have been taken to Rio Grande City instead of Laredo - If so please include it in your Receipt.

The above lots went to you from Major Cahell's district, but there are some passed at Cotton for which I was responsible, before the Maj was placed on duty by Col Broadwell - & you should not receipt to him for them -

Respectfully Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Asst Agent

Cotton Bureau, Dept Tr Miss
Houston, April 29. 1865.

Maj. T. B. Sexton,
San Augustine,

Madam -

I have just paid Mr. Thos. J. Brown for one (01) Seventeen Bales Cotton sold to Govmt by Col. Sexton & delivered by you in December last. to Agent S. A. Miller, at Crockett -

The following is a statement:

7	Bales Ordinary	3267 lbs	@ 14½¢	$ 473.41
6	" Good Ordinary	2206 "	" 14½¢	385.53
5	" Low Middling	2656 "	" 22½¢	485.10
Amount paid in remission				$ 1.344.04

You will please consider this letter an Adjunct to the memorandum agreement given by Col Sexton for the delivery of the above Cotton - I forwarded it to Agent Miller at Crockett, & supposed he had surrendered it, or would do upon application - No further use can be made of it, however, as this letter can be shown in evidence of the fulfilment of Col Sextons' obligations.

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Q.M.

Bureau Bureau, Dept of Texas
Houston, April 29. 1865

General,

I have the honor to request the detail of Private P. S. Bishop, of Capt. Lane's Company of Bragg County Reserves - for duty with this office.

His services are necessary to enable me to remove Government Cotton from Bragg County to Brownsville - the having the necessary transportation for the purpose:

Please order him to report to me for duty -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
C. E. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

To
Brig Gen A. C. Roberston,
Comdg Reserves State of Texas,
Brenham, Texas.

Respy Capt. Wells.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Te Miss
Houston, April 29. 1865.

Private P. B. Bishop, Brazos County Reserves, being in the employ of this Office with nine ox teams, and wagons, engaged in hauling Cotton from Brazos County to the Rio Grande, the said wagons & teams are exempt from impressment, & impressing Officers are requested not to interfere with them or delay them -

C. G. Wells
Cotton Agt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Te Miss
Houston April 29. 1865 -

Lt. Co. Texas Cav. C.S.
Millican,

Sir -

This will be handed you by Mr. P. B. Bishop who has nine ox teams, and will load them for transportation to Brownsville -
I have applied for his detail which please forward to me as soon as received - In the meantime you will please make arrangements for giving them as early a start as practicable.

Respectfully
Your ob't svt
C. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Copied [illegible]

Custom House Collectors Office
Galveston, May 1. 1865.

Major A. G. Hillis U.S.
San Antonio.

Major-

I have given favorable & all owning unexpired exemptions, as stated - I now hand you same herewith as follows, viz!

No. 1874	May 16	H. P. Perkins	8 Bls.	400 lbs
" 1894	" "	Robt Smith	8 "	350 "
" 2000	" 21	H. K. Harrell	14 "	1249 "
" 2001	" 30	C. A. Buckley	30 "	15.000 "

for which please return me my corresponding Exemptions

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Collr

Custom House Collectors Office
Galveston May 1. 1865

Maj. A. G. Hillis
San Antonio

Sir.

I have given favorable & all owning permits bearing date May 1st as follows viz -

I have sent to you transportation as follows viz -

C. A. Buckley - with three 6 mule teams
H. K. Harrell - " " " "
P. L. Rainey - " one " "

Please send all over the Pontoon to H. K. Perkins Galveston (Pelican Island) & place up the old as soon as possible -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Collr

Cotton Bureau Dept Ja Miss
Houston May 1. 1866

J. H. Cunningham Esq Agt
Port Sullivan

Sir.

You will please cancel Mr. W. P. Perkins' contract & allow him to retain his 8 Bl Cotton if you have not already removed it, - provided the return to you 1100 yards Bagging - 133 lbs Rope & 4 lbs Twine which you supplied him with. I have the certified account & permit here, cancelled -

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Contr Agt

Contract Bureau Dept Ja Miss
Houston May 1. 1866.

E. L. Norris Esq P.M.
Port Gibson

Sir.

I have cancelled the Port Gibson contract. You will return me the Bagging & Rope you supplied them with & will cancel Mr. Frank H. Harrell's contract for 8 Bales as soon as you advise me that he has returned the Bagging (1100 yds) & Rope (133 lbs) to you. Allow them 400 lbs of which this C.O. Thru

Very respy
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Contr Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, May 1. 1865.

E. Ripley Esq QM Agt.
Shreveport, La

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th April covering the Hon Speaker vouchers as stated -
Please send me the authenticated orders &c in the cases of Hobson & Baldwin, as early as possible, as the Colorado Court is in session this week & if the cases cannot be postponed it is necessary to be represented to try them - The papers are essential -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
E. T. Wells
Cotton Bureau
Houston
Capt & A.Q.M.
Cotton Bureau.

Houston May 1. 1865

Capt.

I have your favor of 29th ult announcing arrival of Steamer Red Rock - I have since been trying without success to have a Boat sent to Velasco for the Cotton - As it cannot be done, please send the Cotton stored for the Government until you can ship thro the Railroad, or until I telegraphe you to send it to Velasco.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
E. T. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Houston, May 2. 1865.

D. C. Greene Esq A.A.
Hillsboro,

Sir.

I have your favor of 29th ult, with enclosures - Contents noted - Got from A.G. Neeley, the cert. & permit for 14 Bales - also from him, and Hadger the Bagging & Rope which you furnished to them - Now Hadger has his cert. & permit - they should be returned also - After you get all the papers back, also Bagg & Rope, you can allow them to retain the Cotton - I will not take Cotton from people now, when the permits are valueless to them.

I fear now that you will not be able to load the trains of Hill & Bishop - Judge Gray's action will deprive the Bureau of at least 6000 Bales, besides inflicting loss upon those planters whose Cotton we have removed & who have not used their permits - Those planters who still have the Cotton on their plantations can save themselves by holding the Cotton, and it is only right to allow them to do so, when they return all the papers & the Bagging & Rope -

Very truly
Yr obt Servt
Geo. O. Wells
Capt & AQ

I return drafts'
Bagg & Rope receipt.
You can give it up & have
it when you get back the Bagg & Rope -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Jr. Miss
Houston, May 2. 1865.

Major A. H. Willis C.S.
San Antonio.

Major -

I enclose you permits as follows:

No. 2495 -	Jany 27/65 -	A. S. Fairchild	25 B/C
" 2481	" " "	A. C. Headley (Husky)	6 "
" 2695	" 26 "	E. C. Stone	25 "
" 2696	" " "	"	25 "
" 2697	" " "	"	25 "

for which please return my corresponding exemptions.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau Dept Jr Miss

Houston, May 2. 1865.

J. H. Dibrell Esq Q.M.
Comy. Matagorda C.

Sir -

Please return me the Permits of A. Fairchild 300 Bales - as I understand the Cotton will not be delivered - 4 of A. P. McCormick 20 Bales - the Cotton was delivered for by Capt. Willeford, who had already received a permit for it -

Please get Lt. A. Handy to deliver the 5 Bales remaining of the 8 Bale lots for which Passes were issued to him. I have it much to Comy Dept.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. G. Wells
Capt & A.Q.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Jr. Miss
Houston, May 2. 1865

S. G. Anderson Esq Agt.
Houston.

Sir. Before your agency can be closed I will require the following lots of Cotton delivered

Underwood & Brooks	23 Bales	I invite Mr Adriance to see about these lots -
C. C. Bell	3 "	
C. J. Patton	6 "	
H. A. Darby	5 "	These lots you will please attend to yourself as early as possible
C. King fellows	41 "	
W. Walkes	2 "	
Levi Jordan	40 "	
C. C. Hilliard	80 "	

The 23 Bales, Underwood & Brooks, I wish to have delivered to Mr C. C. Bell, & desire you to set aside 3 deliver to them 20 Bales additional out of the other lots - All the remainder of the Cotton you are deliver to Messrs King & Co. and close up the Agency entirely - Report at once what you have done so that there may be no misunderstanding in reference to the business. I require also that the Certificate sent given to C. C. Hilliard for 100 Bales, be returned for correction - the Mr. P. B. Cains having been paid for Cotton which you say belonged to Hilliard

I require also to have the following permits returned. viz:

L. Summy	10 Bales	}	I invite Mr Adriance
H. A. McStay	10 .		to attend to these, but
L. Campbell	9 .		you can also give your
L. A. Stratton	25 .		attention to these.
H. A. P. Davies	5 .		
J. Matthews	300 .	3	For which I invite to
A. L. McCormick	10 .	3	Mr. H. W. Gibbons.

The Tools furnished to the Dances must all be returned - they comprise -

6 Handsaw Files - 6 Augers
1 Cross Cut Saw - 6 Chisels
6 Axes - 1 Packing Box.

Whether in good order, or broken, I must have them back, as otherwise I will be made personally responsible -

Mr Adriance promises to settle the Bagging & Rope account -

Please lose no time in completing the delivery of the Cotton named on other page - It is essential that we close our business as early as possible - You have become responsible for the Cotton by certifying to me that you have received it - I would not have issued the Yazoo otherwise - Please see that both parties get & we are relieved from responsibility by the prompt delivery of the Cotton

Resigned by your obt Svt
C. E. Holly

Cotton Bureau Dept Gulf Miss
Houston, May 2. 1865

John Adriance Esq Agt
Columbia,

Sir -
Before the Masterson' Agency can be closed it will be necessary to have the following lots of Cotton delivered. viz:

Underwood & Brooks	4 Y-	Please see after these
C. C. Bell	2-	particularly - yourself -
C. J. Patton	6-	
C. Etmingfellow	41	Mr Masterson will have
W. Hicks	2	these lots got in hand -
Henri Jordan	40	but if you can assist him
C. C. Hillicoan	83	please do so -

The H & Brooks. 4 Y B/C - is to be delivered to R & D G. Hall -
Also 60 Bales additional, out of any other Cotton first available - All the remainder is to be turned over to King & Co - & their receipts sent to this Office -

Please obtain from the parties the following Permits & returns them to me -

H. J. D. Gray	60 Bales	J. Sweeny	10 Bales
A. E. Stratton	25 "	J. Campbell	9 "
		W. B. P. Caines	8 "

And send me a full statement of the Bagg. & Rope account as early as possible -

Your attention to the above matters will relieve me of considerable responsibility -

Respectfully, your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt & C.

Houston May 3. 1865

George Hasam Esq.
U. S. Dist. Atty. &c.
Houston, Texas.

Sir.

I have the honor to hand you herewith, copy of a letter written by David P. Lane to Hon P. H. Greg. Treasury Dr. & herein referred to me, relating to an attempted fraud upon the Government, and implicating Mr. J. C. Hastendeau, an agent of the Cotton Bureau -

I enclose also copies of two papers from my office - 1st Mr. Hastendeau's certificate of receipt of 44 Bales cotton from Wheeler Stringfellow, entitling them to a settlement by this office under its rules, - the terms being payment in U. S. notes, & an exemption or permit for a like quantity of Cotton -

Supposing the transaction bona fide I issued the usual exemption to Mr. Stringfellow in person, on Aug 5th 64 -

2nd - Copy of certified account in favor of C. Stringfellow for said lot of Cotton, amounting to $ 2184 00 Old issue, and paid for on 28. 1864. as per receipt -

Without any positive knowledge on the subject, my presumption is that the main facts in Mr. Lane's letter are true - that is to say that Stringfellow has packed & overtaken Cotton into Bales of good appearance & sold it to the

agent of the Govt, for good Cotton - Whether the Board had any knowledge of the facts of the case I do not know - I have not asked him - and he has not intimated that there is anything wrong about the matter, though I have endeavored to ascertain without asking direct questions - The fact that this was the first lot of Cotton receipted for, and that it is not yet consented to Govt uses, is in itself a suspicious circumstance - I have heard that it is thought in Brazoria County that Mr Masterson did know the character of the Cotton -

I have today obtained from Mr. Masterson a report of his operations - The statement shews the above lot of 44 Bales not received, The title not that Mr. Stringfellow positively refuses now to deliver the Cotton, on the ground that Judge Gray has disallowed the use of Patton Bowman permits - I do not know whether Stringfellow has used his permit or not, but I have always supposed he had - He had been in possession of it more than Six months before Judge Gray's action made it worthless - I claim that he is morally, if not legally bound to deliver the Cotton, if he used the permit, as he thus became possessed of the fund consideration the only one he expected the Govt to pay - the payment in U.S. notes having been made in September last -

But I need not say to you, I do not want such Cotton as Mr. Lamb's letter shews the title at question to be - The Govt is

entitled to good Cotton -

I have informed Mr. Masterson in writing that he is personally responsible for the delivery of the 44 Bales Cotton - and he replies verbally that he will urge Vermeule for its delivery - He promises to report progress next week - If any change should occur, or should I receive any more information on the subject, I will advise you -

Mr. A. L. Garnett, may be able to throw some light upon this matter - He told me of his suspicions, some weeks ago, but gave me nothing tangible -

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & C.S.A.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, May 2. 1865

A. H. Masterson Esq &c
Auburn Miss.

Sir.

I have just paid Dr. Shackelford for handling 88 Bales from Loma & Cairo - & this is to be paid to Lieutenant Vermeule, who should pay the expense of transportation of 99 Lbs - as I deliver it to them where we take it - Do not neglect to send me their receipts for all your deliveries - I believe you have the order -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt &c

Houston, May 6. 1865

Dear Colonel -

I am in receipt of your kind letter of 21st April, & thank you for your continued interest in my Status & welfare - Late events indicate such great changes in affairs in this Dept. that it is needless to make any calculations now about Yazicitaire, as when I am ready to close up here a very different state of things may exist - I will wait until I can wind up the business, and then apply to you for assignment to some duty where I can be useful - The place your kindness had selected for me is several degs above my ability, and I would be handily willing to undertake it & fail in it - The fact that I co-incide so fully with your views is no guarantee in my mind that I could carry them out even in part respectably, much less originate a policy that would be as productive of good to the service -

Your letter of 12th Inst & accompanying letter, have my full attention - I would be glad if it were publicly known that you are opposed to the trade with the enemy in Cotton - I think the public prejudice was that you were the father of the trade, & responsible for it - Gen Smith's order, however, forbidding the trade has done away with most of the talking on the subject, and like all other popular prejudices it will soon die away -

Judge Gray's letter now fills the public mind, & the country is full of indignation against him -

The Judge has unwittingly pursued a line of bad private policy - Public policy demanded that the permits should be respected. as parties had acquired rights under Genl. Smiths orders, which should have been confirmed to them. Good faith required it - for Judge Gray made that Order #25 a Treasury Regulation by publishing it officiously - Unfortunately for himself, and those who suffer through his actions, he has decided against public policy and good faith, and has become almost immensely unpopular - I repeat here that I believe he has done what he believed was right - that he has failed to inform himself sufficiently on the subject to enable him to act justly to all parties interested - The Bureau loses about 5000 Bales Cotton in consequence of the non-extension of the permits -

I think our sphere of usefulness in the Cotton line is over for good - You will find that, if the war continues, the Treasury Agency will do the whole business - It will have to assume the responsibility of improvement, notwithstanding its present declared feeling is not to impress - Your best plan will be to interpose no obstacles in the way of its operations either in the way of suggestions or otherwise - It has the whole mass of acquirement of Cotton & supplies & should have our best wishes for its success. & we should avoid any responsibility if it should fail - I believe we could have helped the Agency considerably, if allowed to do so -

Very truly yours

C. C. Wells

Lt. Col. Broadwell,
Shreveport. La.

Haverstraw, May 3, 1865

Gen'l Ripley -

I have your favor of 24th ult & note contents - Your comments upon Judge Gray's letter are very just - In addition I would remark that his error effects his personal popularity to a greater extent than he could have possibly anticipated - Popularity should be no incentive to a public man's actions - but it must be better to do an act against good faith & public policy and reap such a reward as public condemnation - I am sorry the Judge did not consider the matter more fully before he acted -

Please hurry up the Halleck-Baldwin Papers as quick as possible - Court is now in session and it would be very unfortunate if they are compelled to go to trial without the Papers -

The bundle you refer to as mentioned by Capt Lynch, was the shoes brought in by Maj J.B. Lee - The brought in a pair of gloves for the Genl, & your pistol - both of which will be sent up in a few days either by the Enemy (Confed'e man) or Capt Wells of Clothing Bureau - I talked well about & sending them as they were left with him by Capt Lynch -

I see Mr. Stevens, Clerk Papers give up the manhood by mistake -

Yours Truly
E. E. Hall

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tex. Miss
Houston, May 8. 1865

Major A. H. Willis C. S.
San Antonio, Texas.

Major -

I enclose the following permits viz:

No. 1665	Jany 26/65	R. R. Stone.	10 B/C -	5060 lbs
" 1663	" "	do	10 "	5060 "
" 1664	" "	do	5 "	2581 "
" 2929	" 27 "	J. H. Gary	20 "	10.342 "
" 2932	" 21 "	O. Kauder	3 "	1.365 "
" 2934	" " "	do	7 "	3.157 "

in lieu of which please return my corresponding exemptions -

Also permits viz

No. 3365	Jany 26/65	A. Hohahen	24 B/C	12.000 lbs
" 2356	"	"	24 "	12.000 "
" 2357	"	"	24 "	12.000 "

for which please refer to my exemption in favor of E. H. Walker No. 789 - for 150 Bales - Cancel 72 Bales off. by writing across the face " Only 78 Bales delivered - Permits for 72 Bales returned Cancelled -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Q.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Jr. Miss.
Houston, May 3. 1865

Maj. H. P. Bowdon Jr.
Rio Grande City.

Major.

I am in receipt of your favors of 18th & 22nd April with enclosures - Contents noted - As requested I now enclose transfer papers of 3 Ba R/C, received by you from A. Gillmore Qr. Master & Thompson & Metcalfe. Please sign the Receipt and return them to me -

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. C. Wells
Capt & A.Q.M.

The news we get from Virginia now is anything but encouraging - It would seem that almost a miracle is required now to conquer our nationality - Our prospect are very gloomy. If the most patriotic cannot keep feeling de-spondent - This Department will hold out until forced to succumb. The Gen'l Commanding calls upon the people & troops to maintain themselves & stand true to their cause, as everything is to be gained & nothing lost by a bold front -

Hawstow. May 6. 1865

Lt. C. Wells Esq
Care Hon Hobston Esq
Alleytown.

Sir, I have the pleasure of writing upon your with the authenticated papers in case of Hobston & Baldwin, just received from Shreveport -

No. 1 - Assignment of Lt. Gen Smith to Command of Dept. Trans-
" 2 - Extending his Command to whole Trans Miss Dept -
" 3 - Assignment of Col Broadwell as Chf of Cotton Bureau -
" 4 - Gen Smiths Call upon people of T. M. Dept for Cotton.
" 4½ - Printed Copy of same & Genl Order # 84 -
" 5 - General Orders No. 85 - Regulations -
" 6 - Instructions to Impressing Officers - Maj Bayliss.
" 7-8 - Appointment of J. A. Baldwin & H. Hobston, Agents - Circular of instructions - & Letter of Genl Smith to Genl. Magruder, directing cessation of impressment -
" 9 - Impressment Act - Printed -
" 10 - Relieving Col Hutchins from duty -
" 11 - Assigning Capt Wells to duty -
" 12 - Instructions to Agts Hobston & Baldwin,
" 13 - Letter of J. A. Seddon, Secy of War to Genl Smith - relating to Regulations &c.

Please see that the papers are filed, if need, so that Copies may be taken, if necessary in future cases -

Respectfully Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Fr Miss
Houston, May 8. 1865

O. Ripley Esq Pres't
Shreveport, La.

Sir,

I am just in receipt of your favor of 26th April, covering the Holston-Baldwin papers — Thanks you for your prompt attentions —

Very respy
Probt act
W. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Fr. Miss.
Houston, May 8. 1865

John Holston Esq Agt
Alleyton.

Sir

I enclose letter to Mr W. G. Webb, covering the papers from Shreveport — As it may be necessary to use them in some other case, I would advise that care be taken to have them filed carefully, so that copies may be made, if necessary —

Very respy
Probt act
W. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 4. 1865.

J. G. Mitchell Esq A.A.
San Antonio.

Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of 29th April, with statement of 640 B/ Cotton received at San Antonio - I now enclose transfer Papers of same, made up by months as requested - viz:

Jany 31. 1865 -	92 Bales	
Febry 28. "	60 "	
Mch 31 "	20 "	
Apl 30 "	445 "	640 Bales

Please have the Receipts signed by Mr Hillie, & return them to me.

I enclose also a statement of the Cotton, 320 Bales, for which I require receipts - The shipping indicate shipments to you - though I am aware that I cannot rely upon it, until I hear from you - I am also sent also 105 Bales shipped by A. Hand, Agt at Powders Bluffs, but I do not know that it was started to you -

Please examine into these matters, and help me as much as you can to get receipts -

Very respy
Your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Capt AQ

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, May 4. 1865

J. A. Black Esq Agt
Vicksburg.

Sir -

I have your favor of 29th April, & note contents -
In making deliveries to Bouldin & Stowell, they must take the Cotton where it is - I cannot agree to pay transportation on any portion of it - I paid Ro. Woodward $ 92.16 for hauling 56 Bales to Brin. Please collect this from Bouldin & Stowell, or their Agent - & hold the money until further advice -

Send me their Receipts, in duplicate, for the Cotton delivered to them - Showing what lots - from whom purchased - numbers of Bales - weight of each lot - & classification -

I note that Minnie & Hawthorne refuse to deliver - & have no legal remedy against them - but if they have used the permits they are morally bound to deliver the Cotton - If they have not used the permits, I will release them from the contract as soon as they return to me, through you, the permits - certified accts - & the Bagging & Rope you furnished them with - Hold the Bags & Rope, & if I return me the permits & certificates as early as agree con -

Respectfully your obt Svt
G. G. Wells
Cotton Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Le Mess
Houston, May 4. 1865

H.C. Stone Esq Agt
Fairfield

Dear - I have your favor of 29th April from Brenham covering permits for 3 Bls Cotton - which I have returned to San Antonio for cancellation - Send up the business as rapidly as possible on your return.

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Since the Completion of sale of the amount in Fairfield - Hope time to pay, as I absolutely need it.

Cotton Bureau Dept Le Mess
Houston, May 4. 1865

Maj. H. P. Bee &c &c &c.
Rio Grande City.

Major -

I have your favor of Feb 22nd with statement of 3 Bls RC. for which you have receipted to Major Cowles - I have today applied to the Major for Receipts for 157 Bales of Mr. Evans Cotton, for which I am responsible - I now enclose transfer papers of 3 Bls RC Cotton delivered you by A. Harris Agt - Please examine, & give receipts & return them to me -

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau
Houston May 4th 1865.

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Statement of Cotton shipped to Captain J. C. Burchell San Antonio
for which Share no Receipts

By whom Shipped.	Bearing mark & No. Bales each.	Remarks.	Bales Wanted
O H Alexander	298	Share gave Receipts for 264 Bales ... Leaving	34
No. Book Ref.	292	Share gave receipts for 260 Bales. ...	
		L Springfield ... 12 Not Reported Either Office	
		Pomier ... 36. Not Reported by this Office	24
		and suppose that gave Capt have been given these 260 lb	
W. A Wood	246	Share gave receipts for 164. Invoiced to day 79 Leaving	2
L. G Ross	62	No Receipt (No B Lading) Invoiced today 61. ... 0 ...	1
Mc Williams	233	Invoiced to day 95. ... 2 ...	142
H H Long	7	Doubtful ... no duplicate	7
		Total	220.

The above Amount of 220 Bales are due exclusive of the Cotton Invoiced to you to day. The H H Long Lot of 7 Bales I am uncertain at present where it was forwarded although Share Co. have on file in their Office

I am also short 157 Bales shipped by P Hord Agt Share no Bradings for any of this Cotton & a portion of it was shipped to you for which Share gave Receipts, and Conjecture the Balance has followed — Please report at your earliest Convenience

Yours Etc. very respectfully
E Hall Captain &
By H H Long Lt

Cotton Bureau Dept de Ries
Matamoras May 24. 1865.

Major A.A. Gabell QM
Clinton, De Witt Co.

Major.

I enclose invoice & receipt of 159 B/C
rec'd. by Maj Barlow from J.N. Cross agt-
Mr Cross in his report to me stated that he
had forwarded the Cotton to the Rio Grande-
I wrote at once to Maj Barlow, & he replied to
me under date of Feb 22nd. as follows;

"The statement of Mr. Cross may be all correct.
"but I have reported and receipted to Maj. Gabell
"for all Cotton received at this Agency from district
"No. 3, but as yet I have received no Invoices.
"Inclosed please find statement of Cotton
"received by me from Mr Cross - for which I have
"receipted to Maj. Gabell" -

The statement shews 274 Bales rec'd. from Mr?
Cross - I am responsible for only 159 Bales.
Please examine into the matter - I suppose
Cross will find it correct - Please return me
the receipts signed -

Respectfully
Your Obt svt
A. E. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau, Dept. In. Miss
Houston, May 4. 1865

H. Bartlett Esq. Agt.
Marlin, Falls Co.

Sir -

I have just seen Capt. Lang, who tells me that you can make your report at any moment, Please do so, & conform to the requests in my several letters on the subject - Judge Gray having rendered the permit useless, you will have to be paid for your services with Cotton, at the schedule prices - You will therefore please select enough to pay yourself, & send me a statement of the same so that I may take the necessary vouchers -

The Office owes you as follows:

For charges on 108 Bales c/c Cotton Office -	$ 108.66
" Freight on Bagg & Rope, paid by you	46.50
" Charges on 295 Bales c/c Cotton Bureau	162.25
Total amount	$317.41

You have signed vouchers for all of the above - & I have them in my possession -

In selecting Cotton to pay yourself, give me the following items - from whom purchased - No. of Bales & weight, classification - You know the prices - Send me the statement & your Report as early as you can as I want to close up the business -

I would have written you this earlier if you had intimated to me that the delay in making your report was in consequence of an apprehension that you would not be paid - I have never given you any reason to suppose that you would not be paid in full according to the terms proposed by Col Ketchum -

Very resply yr obt svt
C. G. Hall Capt & C

Houston, May 5. 1865

Lt. Col. Hamel Asst Adjt
Galveston —

Gen Magruder — Send down Steamer
Gen Hebert Boat is ready, on the
Railroad is in order

Lt. C. C. Wells
Capt & C.S.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston May 5. 1865

J. G. Tunichell Esq Agt
San Antonio.

Sir —

I have your favor of 1st inst concerning transfer Adkins 28 Bs Cotton delivered to King & Co — I now return you the Receipts signed, as requested.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
C. C. Wells
Capt & C

Letter Bureau, Dept. Ft. Mass.
Houston May 5. 1866.

James Archable Esq
San Antonio,

Sir -
I have your favor of 28th April & note your request for payment of certified account held by you - I have no memorandum there is none in the Department, hence the prospect for getting any is not very encouraging - I can give you Mr. Conley's certificate for memorandum for the amount, if you will send me the accounts signed - It is the only way in which I can pay it at present - Mr. Conleys certificates pay Confederate taxes of all kinds -

Very respy
Your obt svt
Letter Bureau, Dept. Ft. Mass.
Houston May 5th 1866

E. Bartlett Esq A.A.-
Harlee.

Sir.
I have your favor of 24th April & note contents - Please send your report as early as possible Voucher it when are ready - I wrote you yesterday that you would be paid I regret that you did not empty the Bagging & Rope when received - When I see what the discrepancy is, I will let you know how it may be accounted for - It is not expected that you will pay for what you did not receive.

Very respy
Your obt svt
E. A. Hall.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 5. 1865.

Major A. G. Hillis U.S.
San Antonio.

Major-

I have your favor of 29th April, with enclosure - Contents noted -

So far as I can learn there will be no extension of time for use of permits - Gen. Smith may do something, but I have had no reply to my letter to Shreveport on the subject - It is more than probable that the distressing news from the east will prevent any notice on any matter relating to our business - All the interests & energies of both N. & Sth. Sts. being centred in questions of defence -

Very resp'y
Your ob't Serv't
Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 6. 1865

L. H. Harris Esq Ast.
Sweet Home.

Sir.

I have your favor of 4th inst. & note contents - Please send the U.S. Surgeon to see my wife. I suppose it will come safely - Send any others which you may have paid,

Very respy
Your ob't Ser't.
C. C. Stelle
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept Ft Miss
Houston, May 5. 1865.

G. C. Lund Esq Qt.
Liberty.

Sir.

I have your favor of 4th inst - also your telegram of today - to which I replied - I have no authority to pay freights on the Govt. Cotton, and cannot authorize any arrangement with the "Lone Star" Please hold the Cotton until I can get a Govt. Boat to take it, or until the road is in order - If I succeed in praying it away at Liberty I will give orders on you & let the planters pay their own transportation -

If Graces' flat arrives, please see if it has on board 8 Bales Cotton marked Robt. Emmett - If so - hold them 8 Bales subject to the order of J. Broderick of this place, & notify me, so that I may collect the freight from them - also other charges - if there are any -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
G. C. Stelly
Capt Qr.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Va. Miss
Houston, May 1. 1865.

Capt. N.B. Lee A.Q.M.
Beaumont.

Captain. Deliver to H.B. Sorley Esq on
order (207) Two hundred and Seven Bales
Cotton received by S.H. Blount, Flat
Boat - Rabbit
& Newmarket
Steamboat
C.G. Wells
Capt A.Q.M.

Houston, May 5. 1865.

Capt. Co. H. Jones.
Hempstead,

Capt.

I have your favor of this date by Express covering $740 - remission, with request that I purchase 6 Reams letter paper -
I paid an enquiry at Mr. Allen's (in Eastern Store) that the paper belongs to an absentee who has given orders to sell only for Specie $ @ 2= per Ream - the Evening got enough U.S. notes to pay this Tax -
I tried to sell the Cotton at 40 for it - so as to comply with your request, but cannot find a purchaser at any price this afternoon -

Yours truly
C.G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 5 1865.

A. A. Lowe Esq Agt
Richmond.

Sir.

I have your favor of 4th inst. & note contents - Major Stone is now absent, but when he returns I will try & have the Boy "Tyler" transferred to the Qm Dept. I will have to see him first before I can write you any further about it.

If you think that all the Cotton is delivered that we will get - it will be necessary to have the permits & certificates accounts returned for all bales not delivered - It is possible that Genl Smith may get out on the cars, if you think proper you may await his action, for a while, before returning the papers - I fear it is a hopeless case, but you are as good a judge as I am, as I have no information whatever on the subject.

The parties who do not deliver must return the Bagging & Rope furnished them, in kind - I cannot tell it - All the Bags & Rope you have remaining on hand, please turn over to the State Agent, & send me his duplicate receipt, upon which I can obtain official receipt from me,

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
G. C. Wells
Capt & C

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Hazelhurst, May 6. 1865.

H. G. Mannerlyn Esq
Madisonville.

Sir- I am just in receipt of your favor of 5th inst & make contents - You shall certainly be released from your contract for the 50 B/C, as soon as you return the permit, the certified account & the Bagging & Rope - I will not attempt to claim your compliance under the circumstances, the Govt. through the Treasury Agent having failed to confirm to you the privilege it promised you -
The permit was forwarded to Agent Black on Feby 11. 65 - I do not understand why it was not handed to you in time -

Respectfully your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau Dept In Miss
Hazelhurst, May 6. 1865.

S. A. Heiler Esq Agt -
Concordia -

Sir -
I have your communication of 1st inst. covering J. H. Burnett's receipt for Rope & Twine turned over to him by you -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. C. Wells
Capt A.C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 6. 1865.

Capt. H. B. Hall,
Asst. Adjt. Gen. in Chief, 4th Cong. Dist,
Crockett, Texas,

Captain -

I enclose transfer Papers of 1900 yards Bagging - 1332 lbs Rope & 2½ lbs Twine - also memorandum Receipt of Mrs. W. Barnett, Agt. - the property having been turned over to them by Agent S. A. Miller, of this Office. & Instructions delivered to you - Please sign receipt & return them to me at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. W. Hall
Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 5. 1865.

Lieut. J. F. H. Claiborne
Chief Agent &c &c
Austin, Texas.

Sir - Please let me know why you claim the 50 Bales of Rebel Cotton, which has been delivered at Bon Factorie. I enclosed a permit for these 50 Bales but would have to belong to the Govt - The case has been referred to me for decision, & I wish to be fully informed before acting upon it.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
G. W. Hall
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Tx Rebs
Houston, May 8. 1866.

John James Esq.
San Antonio.

Dear.

I am in receipt of your favor of 2nd inst with enclosures — As requested I now hand you the Certificate of for 9 B/C - $946 - completed by signature.

I have no recollection, whatever that the Banking Agency has none, consequently I cannot hold out to you any hope of payment at an early day — But I can give you Mr. Sorley's (Depositary) Certificates for recissees — These Certificates will pay the Confederate tax - of all kinds - or may be exchanged, at the published rate, for the new 6% non taxable Bonds, bearing Coupons which pay eight per cent interest, at same rate that the new issue can be used for same purposes —

If you desire payment in this manner, send me all your certificates - signed either by Major Hollis or myself - receipted in blank, Let me know the amount you wish to have the Certificates issued in, & give whose name, & I will send them to you by return mail.

Respectfully
Your obt
C. E. Hollis
Capt & C

Cattle Bureau, Dept of Kent
Hawkhurst, May 9. 1866.

C. C. Lomax Esq A.A.G.
Liberty.

Sir -

Referring to Bell, Hutchings & Co.
Forty Bales Cotton.

C. G. Hall
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Cattle Bureau Dept of Kent
Hawkhurst, May 9. 1866.

R. E. Arthur Esq
Savannah.

Sir,

I have your favour of 8th inst. covering P. S. Bishop's assignment to C. for hf - I have obtained the necessary papers from District Head Quarters, & forwarded them to Bailey at Bennettsville -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Hall
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston May 9. 1865

P. S. Bishop Esq
Brownsville,

Sir -

I enclose -
Assignment to 3d. Dep. Infantry -
Detail - Special Order No. 126 -
Exemption for 7 ox wagons & teams -
Report to Mr. B.G. Green, Agt. for duty.
He will load your with Cotton for Brownsville
at once -

Very truly
Your obt. svt.
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Texas.
Houston, May 10. 1865 -

Major,

I enclose permits Nos. 2891 to 2902 - 25 Bales each - for A. Matthews - No. 2908 - 10 Bales for H. Cormick - Please return my corresponding exemptions -

Your favor of 6th inst. is just at hand, with enclosures -

Very truly
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Maj'r. A. A. Stiller U.S.
San Antonio.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Mexs.
Houston. May 9th 1865.

Ben Stones Esq Qt-
Brenham.

Sir-

I have your favor of 6th last date your request for payment- I am waiting the return of Mr. W. G. Hale (King Co) with money- He is looked for this evening - If he does not bring money with him, I will endeavor to procure a draft on Matamoras in your favor so as to secure to you the amount due you - I will notify you as soon as I make the arrangements-

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Stolly
Cotton Bureau Dept Tr Mexs

Houston, May 11. 1865-

Wm. F. Perry Esq
Navasota.

Sir

I have your favors of 2nd & 9th inst. date Instant-
Mr. Burchell, at San Antonio will be prepared to pay your freight in full on delivery of the Cotton to him-
Send me a description of your train - State number of wagons - How many mule teams - How many ox teams - & how many animals in each team - & I will procure you an exemption from impressment- or an order for their release, if already taken -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Ft Mass
Houston, May 1. 1865

Lt. Col. Stanley Asst
Adjt Genl
Matamoras,

Sir. I have your favor of 9th last from Matamoras with enclosures. Contents noted -

I have not seen Mr. Edrington yet - if he will not deliver the balance of the Cotton, of course you will not incur any further expenses upon it - Messrs H. Cashell & Bonfiel may retain their Cotton if they have not used the permit or cert. &c. They must return the permits, certified accounts & the Engrs' Rolls - So as to put me in the same position as before the contract was made -

I try to get Bishop & Penny to load through for Brownsville - Mr Penny Sargent will pay the duties at Cabid on all Govt Cotton passing through that place - but I have no one there who will pay freight - If Mr Penny will not haul through, you must consign them to Capt Fairchell, San Antonio, so that he may collect his freight on the delivery of the Cotton.

I send Bishops' detail requisition papers to the Brownsville Post Office, they request -

Respectfully
Your obt svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & C.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 11. 1865.

Captain,

I have the honor to enclose transfer signatures of the list of Maj Wade's Cotton, appropriated for this Office, last summer. 338 Bales - together with Col Broadnax's order directing the transfer. Please sign the receipts & return them to me -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Capt A. G. Ransom A.Q.M.
Shreveport, La.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, May 11. 1865 -

J. S. Vedder Esq Asst -
Waxahachie.

Sir. I have your favor of 8th inst - as requested I have made up the vouchers for your account $66 75 - & hold it here until I can pay it - which I think will be in a few days -

I will pay any of my certified accounts in Old issue at $3 - for $2 - if presented here properly signed - Mr Dooley's certificates for services may be obtained for the accounts if desired - They will pay Confederate taxes -

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
A. G. Wells
Capt &c

(Copy)

Descriptive list of Negro Boy 'Tyler' - belonging to J. Huggins, Fort Bend County, Texas -

height	age,	color,	enrolled -	value
5 ft 7 in -	21 -	Black,	Aug 16 '64.	$1700 -

(signed) H. McKay. Lieut
Fort Bend County -

Freedmen Bureau, Dept. of Texas
Houston, May 11. 1865.

Capt H. McKay
Commdt Negro Labor &c. &c.
Houston,

Captain -

I have the honor to request the transfer of the above named negro, to Capt H. G. Loebnitz, A.Q.M. - I have no further use for him in my Department, and Capt Loebnitz desires the transfer made, as he can make him useful -

No pay is due to the negro for the time he has been in my charge.

Very respy
Your obt svt
Lt. C. Wells
Capt & A.A.G.

Houston May 8. 1865

Dear Billy -

I have your letters of Apl 26th & 4th May, & make contents - The first contained drafts on Wh. G. Wales for $115 & $105 42 — but I have delayed writing from day to day, expecting Wales would pay - He has not done so yet, but will in a few days - as he looks for money, which he has sent for, to arrive -

I have a letter from F. B. Power, Liverpool, Feb 1st - He says all well - but says not a word about coming out - I do not look for him - especially since we have such bad news - No one has been looking for you that I can hear of - If I do hear I will look him up & see what he wants with you &, if I can stand in your stead, will serve you -

Cotton here 5/2 6/2d - in Matamoras 16c - 20c - In Liverpool - Apl 1st 14d - All the Blockade runners have withdrawn from the trade, except the actual Government ships - Passenger ships have all gone to England - & they are winding up —

All well here & in Galveston —

Yours truly

A. G. Mc

Houston, May 1. 1865

Genl Walston -

I have yours of 28th April - also your kind remembrance per Express for which please consider me deeply indebted - Hows as agreeable as unexpected, I shall do the Texans full justice - The sack is full, Texans to have made the journey without any portion of its contents having suffered consumption or misplacement -

I trust my message by Baldwin did not burthen you - It will not amount to much more to be assigned to the 2nd Texas or some other command stationed on the Island - as if things go on as at present it is more than probable you would only have to come about six months & remain ordered away from the front - But for the corn meal & blue beef & distant condiments, it would be rather a pleasant episode in life than otherwise, and besides would enable you to turn your military knowledge to account & give you the proud satisfaction of saying, at some future day, when you are safe in your Baronial halls, that you had been one of the gallant defenders of the Confederacy - See what you will dede if they fail to get you - It would be a glorious thing even to die for the cause; except for the little drawback that a man could not enjoy the liberty of the country afterwards -

The papers have not arrived from Shreveport

Houston, Apl 22 - 1865

Dear Ripley -

Your telegrams of 19th & 21st came duly to hand - Upon receipt of yours first my dispatches was to sell at once at $150 - but Capt. Walker advised me to telegraph you their value, as you might probably determine to be disappointed at the sale - The delay in your second dispatch caused by the line being down, brought the news of Lee's surrender here before mine dispatch - Consequently it is almost impossible to sell at any price - The only offer since Friday is 50¢ -

What is the impression at Shreveport about the States on the other side - The people here seem to be at unit on the point of resistance to the last - If they have determination and unity the Trans Miss may yet save the Confederacy, but the prospect is discouraging -

I have been quite unwell for some days - not able to attend to business -

Yours truly
C. G. Wells

Houston, April 19. 1865

Dear Billy. I have received 18th inst. Inclosures. Judge Gray has decided that permits cannot be used after 20th inst. God knows may possibly intervene his authority and make those good in the hands of holders, but I have no information on the subject. Permits have no value in Houston now. Cotton in Shreveport at last advices was 14 ½ ℔ (29 cents) - It is now probable only 10 ℔ & will go lower under the influence of late bad news from Richmond & the large stock on hand in Texas - 500.000 Bales. Cotton here is worth about 10 ℔ The news we are getting to day from Richmond is all from Yankee sources, but if half of it is true, it is perfectly horrible - I am very much disheartened & see no light ahead. We shall see brighter days

Very truly yours
G. G. Shelby

Houston Mch 30. 1865

J. S. Vedder Esq
Manacota,

Sir -

I have yours of 25th - last mail
B/L & Invoice of Basement Land - all of
which arrived yesterday in safety -
I now enclose you Bill of same to be receipted,
also Express receipt for $16.50 Cash & amply
Reg - Does the League not owe you
some return expenses freight, & Commissions?
Thanking you for your kindness in attending
to this matter -

Yours truly
C. G. Hall

Houston, Feb 24. 1866

Dear Billy -

I am just in receipt of yours of 23d. Inst. Note contents - I find that goods of every kind are abundant & very low in price with a downward tendency. - Speculation now would do well with ready cash. Do not would depend upon what you paid for the goods - I am could get, now -

		at Auction,	Private sale
per Kerosene oil		$1.00 -	$2.00
Coffee Candles	per Box	$13 00 -	$20 00
Letter Weigh Paper	dampened -	$ 1 50 -	$3 50

Everything, however, is very risky now, & your must be your own judge - You must to learn to send your things to an Auction Store & trust to luck for their doing well - Much as I would like to serve you I cannot promise to look out for them, as all such work is strictly prohibited - I understand that permits are held at $5/2 & $2 - with a slight upward tendency -

Very truly yours
G. O. Wells

I wrote you on 23d. Inst about F. Young - I sent on $ 600 - currency - Cost $ 34 00.

Houston, Feb 26. 1865

Dear Billy -

I have yours of 19th but I am requested to have handed the letter to A. Young, who leaves on Monday - together with $600- one dime, that outside I paid 25 for $1- cost $24.62 - I took the nine out of the $110- you left with me -

I wish that you do not want to buy any more dimes yet - I will hold the interest money until you call for it.

The $100 interest notes are not forced in - the law says they may be funded in 6% Bonds at any time, but that no interest will be paid on them after January '65 - The 6% Bonds will pay only 6% per annum interest, and are not the same as those issued by Mr Conley -

I do not know when to look for F. B. Power I saw him Thursday - He says that your brother Charles, who is in Matamoras, had a letter from him to the effect that he was coming out to Matamoras soon -

Very Truly
Yours
G. G. Kelly

The "Banshee" sails from Galveston tonight - Charley Keagan is going out on her - & go on to stay with Nettie at any station I go to Richards -

Houston Nov 18. 1865

Jos H Raymond Esq
Austin.

Sir,

Will you oblige me by saying
the Jury in Miss M. Deane's Headright
as shown by the sealed letters —
Mr League (my father-in-law) is at a
loss to know how to notify the owners
of the Section of Galveston County,
and I have taken the liberty of troubling
you, as I know no person in Austin
to ask the favor of but you —

I will send you the amount of money
in any way you may designate, or
Col McKinney may collect it from
me the next time he visits Houston,

Your attention to this little matter
will greatly oblige me —

Very truly yours
C. G. Wells

Houston, Mch 18. 1865—

Hon G. R. Johns
Comptroller &c
Austin, Texas

Sir—

I enclose you a copy of letter from the H. & C. R. Bandera Co. relative to my Headright—
I have always given it in for Texas & Galveston, but last year the H & C of Galv & B. failed to put it on their rolls— Hence my letter to Mr Nagle, to whom, I am informed, the taxes for last year must be paid— He now refers me to you.
The patent describes the land as follows:
"H. right of Thomas H. League - 3rd Class No. 91 - vol 2. file 229 - Bexar District - Survey No. 146 - Section No 5. on S. W. bank of Medina River about 65 miles N. W. of San Antonio - Issued Jany 22. 1845 -
Mr S. W. Raymond will give the tax. per me —

Very respectfully
Your obt svt
Thos. H. League
Per W.

Houston, Mch 9. 1865

N. H. John Esqr
Richmond

Sir -

I received yesterday your favor of 6th inst & note contents -

I regret to say that the room of the "Banshee" was filled before I returned from Galveston, on Monday last - If your letter had reached me earlier I would have reserved Room for it, but as I did not know of your, I did not require him to reserve any room for you - Holden came down & I asked him if he had seen you or if you had said anything to him about the Chief mate - He concluded you did not want the room - I saw Rowe this morning about it & he says it is impossible to take the 10 Dales -

I will hand the Kyle appointment & collect 60 $ from him for you -

Very truly yours
E. G. Wolfe

Houston, Mch 7. 1846 —

D. Blantan Esq
Independence.

Sir —

As requested by Col. Raytan I
send receipt
$1.000 — 4% certificates
10 — new issue.
note which please pay the Parent Taxes
The Tax Collector will give you change
for the 4% certificate — Col Raytan
says the note and is $400 in 4%s
$ 600 " new issue —

When you make the payment please send
me the money & take change certificate —
If you can do so please see the $ bar —
4% & send me the money — or if Col
Raytan desires you may hand it to
him or Mr Raytan — Remit me
what you do —

Respectfully
Yr obt svt
G. W. Wall

Houston, Mch 7. 1865

Dear Kent -

I am just in receipt of yours of 26th. Ultmo. (having been absent in Galveston) and am sorry to hear of your prolonged illness -

I send to Mr. Blanton today $1.000 - in 4 per ct certificates, 80 - " new issue - with which to pay the Taxes -

I have been on board the 'Bankie' for several days - I saw Mr Taylor & Mr Hearst, both of whom were anxious to see you - Mr. Hearst says he will remain in Houston until the ship is loaded - I trust you will receive the letter - If you do not get letter soon, apply for a discharge, & take a trip to Europe - I see no reason in it - You ought not to hold back on account of appearances and allow your health to suffer -

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Houston, February 16. 1865.

General,

The late extraordinary action of Hon P. H. Clay, Secretary of State, limiting the use of Cotton Permits to May 1st next seems to call for an expression of opinion and condemnation from the Planting Community. We desire therefore to call your attention to a short synopsis of the Regulations and orders hitherto in force and in reliance upon which we have respectfully yielded our Cotton to the Government believing the necessity for its use existed, and trusting to your official [illegible] and strong sense of justice as a guarantee that your promises would be complied with.

While we do not charge you with a desire to monopolize our interests, in the present rate seemed to us by your own orders, we think we can with confidence ask you to use the powers you possess to induce the Treasury Agent to reconsider his determination. If the limit is allowed to remain as declared by him, we have either to lose our Permits, or cease planting operations - either alternative entails a certain loss upon us - the latter may prove a national calamity in addition to its individual hardships.

On June 4th 1864, your General Order No 65 was issued - The Regulations proclaimed by you guaranteed the right of exportation to every

one side and Cotton to Government - or received Cotton from Government in payment of Supplies -

These regulations were published over the signature of Judge Gray who as Treasury Agent decided the Collectorships of Customs on the Rio Grande to be given out by them -

This was conclusive evidence to us that our rights would be respected by the Treasury as well as the Military branch of the Government in this Department -

In the month of October the President's Regulations were revised and published unofficially - The 15th Regulation of the Regulations afterwards Aug 31st 1864 reads as follows: (last clause)

"The foregoing regulations have this day been adopted, "and will take effect from the date of publication, "and the regulations hitherto in force are revoked. "But all transactions actually commenced under "the previous regulations will be completed and "settled upon the terms and according to the con- "ditions of the same".

As the only regulations in force in this Dept. were those contained in Order #35, we judged that the rights secured by us under the orders were confirmed to us by the Regulations themselves

On November 1st 1864 Judge Gray published

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the Regulations of Aug 3. 1864 together with this in-
structions upon them. Paragraph 12 of
the Instructions, says:-

"Owners of Cotton holding Permits to export
"issued by Cotton Bureau under the Regulations
"established by Genl Order No 35 of June 4. 1864
"and which may be granted prior to the 1st
"day of Feb 1865, in fulfilment of contracts
"made under said Regulations, will be allowed
"to export Cotton under the same."

"Owners of wagons may take out cotton cargoes
"for parties under this article &c."

On November 11. 1864 you issued General
Order No 88, which reads:

"By arrangement with the Treasury Department,
"the Chief of the Cotton Bureau is allowed until
"the first of February next to close his unfinished
"business.

"Certificates, exempting Cotton from confiscation
"with the right of exportation, issued by authority
"of Lieut Broadwell prior to the first of February
"next, will be accepted until used."

This double confirmation of our right to
take our permits without limit seemed a guarantee
more which nothing could be more secure, and
we were satisfied that the Officers of the Govt
present what they said and would continue to

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and in good faith with us - We had conformed to the rule of the Government, - had contracted, sold and delivered our Cotton - had obtained our permits prior to 1st May - Nothing remained to be done on our part, but to await evidence of the right of exportation - for which we had ample time - Your repeated guarantee, the double confirmation of the Treasury Agent left no room or gave no cause for doubt on the subject - Many of us in order to despatch the Boat with Cotton had failed to purchase our Bags for shipment postponing it until the completion of planting & necessary farm work gave us leisure to give our Crop it.

About 1st May, without any promised intimation, Judge Gray published this 'Additional Instructions' of May 2d. 1865 - He made in 1st Paragraph that 'It being found impracticable to enforce the established regulations' "so as to "harmonize with the system heretofore in force" it is necessary to place a limit upon the use of permits "therefore it is directed.

"That all permits for Cotton issued under "former orders or Regulations must be used by "the holders before the 1st of May next - But "and after that day all exportation of Cotton "will be made exclusively according to the terms

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"provided by the Regulations dated Aug 9. 1864:-
The injustice of this decision is so manifest that it is useless to comment upon it. The time given is too short to enable any of us to approach our farms within it. The planting season is now drawing nigh and if crops are to be made this year we must remain at home to do it - the whole force of negroes & animals is required in the planting time. We cannot even spare enough from the field to give and get our Cotton which is for the most part still in the seed - If ready for shipment we have not steam boats and teams to transport it in time to reach either Galveston or Houston by 1st May - An additional reason why this the roads are almost impassible will be no grass to feed on until April - The most favorable view gives us no relief under the decision depriving us of the use of our Teams and that our State remains upon our hands unprovided with the means to derive no profit or advantage on account of our disloyalty and our desire to assist the Government at a time when no provision was made for the maintenance of the army in this

Department granted by you through the Father
Bonaparte.

We believe, Sir, that you are not chargeable
with any neglect in this matter. We give you
credit for having the matter much at heart,
and we think that if the matter
rested with you alone you would make good
to the sufferers the depredations of the Government
created officers under and in your name.

We therefore appeal to you to devise some
means by which we may be relieved, and
the Land whose may right to export Cotton
removed from Natchez. We speak the senti-
-ments of the whole floating community in
condemning the taking of Judge Bragg's notice,
and looking to you for relief.

Trusting you will see the justice of our
appeal, and relying upon you to maintain our
rights, we remain, General,

Respectfully
Your obedient Servants.

Jos. Sweard
H. Hurley Smith.
Commy Gen. Mess Expt.
Shreveport,
La.

Houston Feby 11th 1846

Jona D. Beers Esq
Galveston

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 11th Inst
from your enquiries in regard to the Regulations
governing Foreign Commerce, & information as
to the trade &c - I have been connected en-
tirely with the military branch of the business, &
under a different system from that now in
force - I have not the forms, nor
copies of the regulations - They may be
obtained by reference to the files of the
"Telegraph & Texas" for the last six months,
For full information I refer you to them -
The regulations prescribe, that
no vessel can leave port without having on
board its cargo for account of Govt - nor
enter port without its cargo for Govt, - in
both cases on freight - The object being
to give the Govt the benefit of such freight
now on all vessels, both ways -
Cargo if brought in for sale will not
be purchased by the Govt - The Govt.
sends its Cotton to Europe, brings its goods
there - They are sent to the Islands, &
the Agent there purchases its load on
freight to the Steamer coming this way..

The freight is payable here in Cotton at 12 pence per pound — The rate of freight is £2 10 Stg per Ton — weight or measurement

After arrival here, the Treasury Agent Mr. Henry Sampson, will provide 1/2 cargo of Cotton on Govt account — The Ship will keep the other half — but is required to give Bond to its full value that the same shall never be in goods that are not prohibited, & being done into the country on the return trip, or in other ships — also that she will bring in the Govt Freight while the Agent may offer to load her with — The Govt pays freight on the Cotton, outwards, at 5 pence per pound, in Specie, at the port of delivery —

Inward freight (on Goods) is payable in Sterling Exchange or Cotton at 12 pence per lb, at the option of the Govt — Outward freight (on Cotton) payable in Exchange or Coin, as the Consignee or ships may elect —

The Cargo brought in on ships account is for sale & payable quarterly —

If after arrival of the ship here, the Govt has no Cotton to load her with, the ship must either wait until the Govt does get Cotton, or must provide a full Cargo, and sell half, on board, to Govt —

In the latter case the Treasury Agent will buy the half, at the market value (cost) payable on delivery of the Cotton to the Agent abroad.. The Amount of Cost following the Cotton as Bill of Lading, as Charges. - Freight will be also paid at 6 D. per lb. - In the event of loss of the Cotton, by capture or the dangers of the sea; it will be paid for there in Sterling Exchange, without freight -

Cotton is worth here 8d to 10d - It is impossible to say whether the prices will be maintained or will advance - The only delay will be in procuring Cotton if the Govt. has none on hand - No other delays may be expected - The present Regulations will be continued if found to work well - They can only be changed by the President & Congress -

Goods are a drug - The market is now overstocked and sales are dull - Exchange is difficult of negotiation owing to its abundance & the scarcity of coin - I would therefore suggest that sufficient coin be brought in a vessel to purchase her half cargo, as money will always Command Cotton when goods will not -

Trusting the above may answer your purpose I remain, very truly yours

L. G. Hall

Houston, Febry 6. 1865

Messrs Stenssy & Blum
Matamoras,

Gent.

I enclose John Willetts draft on S. Willett & Co- accepted (on back) July 8'64 for $40 - Specie - It has been out to Laredo once & has been returned as Willett had moved away -

He is now in business either at Rio Grande City or Brownsville - I think at the former place, but am not sure - Will you please have the paper presented to him & hold the proceeds until you hear from me again. If you find him he will pay it - I think I am entitled to interest also, but if he objects, I will be satisfied with the face of the draft -

Please let me hear from you when you do anything with it -

Very truly yours

C. G. Wells

Draft dated Laredo June 29. 1864 -
Payable at sight -
Endorsed C. G. Wells
Jno. B. Gresham
J. W. McCulloch

Houston, Febry 6. 1846

Assessor & Collector

of Bandera County.

Sir,

I have just learned that the Assessor for Galveston County failed to put on his roll my Headright, and that the Taxes must now be paid in your county - I do not know how the error originated, as I gave it in to him as usual in severious years.

Please let me know the amount of Taxes & tell me how I can send it to you -

The Patent describes the land as follows - Headright of Thomas H. League - 3rd Class, No. 91 Vol. 2. File 229 - Bexar District - Survey No 146 - Section No. 5. on S.W. bank of Medina River, about 55 miles N.W. of San Antonio - Issued Jany 22 1844 -

Please inform me, if you know, what kind of land the tract is - also its value,

Your attention will much oblige me -

Very respy

Thomas H. League

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